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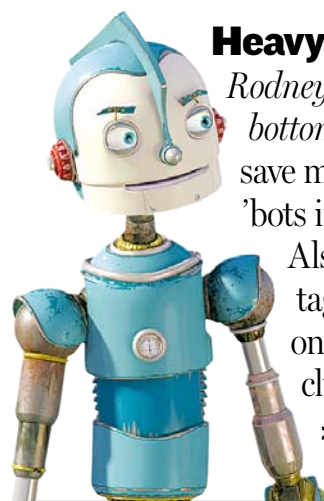
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JACKSON TRIAL | CASUAL THURSDAY



KIMBERLY WHITE/REUTERS/POOL

LATE START: Wearing pajamas and supported by his bodyguard, Michael Jackson enters court Thursday for the continuation of his molestation trial. Jackson, complaining of back pain, arrived a few minutes after a deadline set by the judge. ♦ **Lurid charges:** Accuser tells of molestation | **Page 3**

Lefkow Killings Claimed

In suicide note, man says he killed judge's kin over ruling

CHICAGO | A man who filed bizarre, rambling lawsuits over his cancer treatment shot himself to death during a traffic stop outside Milwaukee and left a suicide note claiming he killed the husband and mother of a federal judge who ruled against him, police said Thursday.

Bart Ross, a 57-year-old electrician from Chicago, committed suicide Wednesday in West Allis, Wis., after a police officer pulled him over for a broken tail-light on his van.

Chicago Police Superintendent Phil Cline stopped short of declaring the slayings of U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow's relatives solved. But he said: "We're satisfied that there's information in the letter that would point us to Ross being in Lefkow's house."

Cline said authorities believe Ross is the same person a witness saw near the Lefkow home on Feb. 28, the day Lefkow came home to find her 64-year-old husband and 89-year-old mother shot to death in the basement.

Ross had waged a decade-long legal fight over his cancer treatment, which left his face disfigured. He battled with doctors, lawyers and judges, likening his treatment to the ghastly medical experiments done by the Nazis.

Until now, investigators had suspected the slayings may have been the work of white supremacists angered by another of Lefkow's rulings. But Ross had no known connections to extremist groups. DON BABWIN (AP)



Ross

SNACKS | A Bite Out of Crime Thieves who can't resist having a snack after breaking into a home risk leaving DNA at the scene. Such evidence has sent several burglars to jail over the past decade, leading forensic researchers at the National Univer-



sity in La Jolla, Calif., to determine which foods are best at catching DNA, Agence France Presse reported. Cheese, carrots, apples and pizza did the best, while chocolates were almost useless, the researchers told New Scientist. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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RATIONALITY

Rock-Hard Times

Carlisle, England, decided not to destroy a 14-ton "cursed" artwork that some believe has brought misery and misfortune to the city, Reuters reported. City council member Jim Tootle had moved that the city divest itself of the "cursing stone," which was installed in a city museum in 2001. He blamed it

for floods, foot-and-mouth disease, humiliation in sports and job losses. The boulder is inscribed with a 1,069-word curse, written by the Archbishop of Glasgow in the 16th century and directed at area criminals responsible for blackmail, rape, pillage and robbery. "There was no logical reason why the stone could be blamed for events," city council leader Mike Mitchelson said. (EXPRESS)

RELICS

Online Casino: We're Still Twisted

An Internet casino has paid \$10,600 for a pretzel that some say is shaped like Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus. Golden Palace Casino swooped in just before bidding closed Wednesday on Internet auction site eBay. "This pretzel is so much more than an edible



item. We only paid \$3.29 for the whole bag," said the seller, Machele Naylor of St. Paul, Neb. Naylor's 12-year-old daughter, Crysta, said she found the honey-mustard-flavored pretzel Feb. 27 while eating and watching TV. Virgin Mary's likeness was also seen in a grilled cheese sandwich that Golden Palace paid \$28,000 for in November. "The notoriety is worth it," spokesman Jon Wolf said. (AP)



ENTERTAINMENT

The Big Top

At Chile's only all-transvestite circus, they're all bearded ladies. The Timeteo Circus — where "Katuska" performs — has come a long way since it began in 1970 as a traditional circus, opting for the cross-dressing route after crowds got a kick out of a male dancer who donned female garb for his act. Now the traveling show is a national hit. (EXPRESS)

FETCH

Sticker Shock

Sword-swallowers worldwide were one-upped recently after a Portsmouth, England, dog managed to swallow a stick only two inches shorter than its

own body, Agence France-Presse reported, citing the Daily Mail. John Hurst was walking his dog, Millie, a 2-year-old Staffordshire bull terrier, when he threw a 16-inch stick for her to retrieve. The stick hit the ground and stuck out like a javelin; Millie essentially

impaled herself on it. Hurst rushed his pet to a vet, where doctors found that the stick had jammed into Millie's throat and deep in her stomach without hitting any vital organs. After a two-hour operation, Millie had only a small scratch inside her stomach. (EXPRESS)

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GOODBYES: Dan Rather topped the ratings among the three network newscasts Wednesday night — his last as anchor of the "CBS Evening News," according to preliminary Nielsen Media Research ratings. CBS usually has finished a distant third.



Nation

Senate OKs Bankruptcy Legislation

Bill to make it harder for people to wipe out debt headed for House

WASHINGTON | The Senate passed legislation Thursday that will make it harder for Americans to rid themselves of debt by filing for bankruptcy.

The House is expected to pass the measure next month, delivering to President Bush a second legislative victory this year.

The vote was 74-25 to approve the most thorough overhaul of bankruptcy laws in a quarter-century.

Before the vote and in Senate debate over much of the last 10 days, majority Republicans knocked down Democratic attempts to ease the impact of the legislation on people facing huge debts they cannot pay down, including single parents, the unemployed and the ill.

Supporters of the bill said bankruptcy often was the last refuge of gamblers, impulsive shoppers and multimillionaires who buy mansions in states with liberal exemptions to shelter assets from creditors.

The legislation would set up an income-based test for measuring a debtor's ability to repay debts. It would also require people to pay for credit counseling and stiffen some legal requirements for debtors in the bankruptcy process. (AP)

Jackson's Accuser Back on Stand

Trial resumes after pop star arrives late, averts possible arrest

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | A 15-year-old boy leveled graphic allegations of child molestation against Michael Jackson on Thursday, describing lewd discussions and behavior, before his credibility came under swift attack in a bitter exchange with the pop star's defense attorney, who claimed the boy invented the whole story.

The courtroom fireworks erupted on a day that began with drama when Jackson failed to appear on time because he was being treated at a hospital for what was described as a back problem, then raced to court when the judge threatened to arrest him and revoke his \$3 million bail. The judge later vacated the warrant.

Jackson, 46, who walked hesitantly into court wearing slippers and a coat over a T-shirt and pajama pants,

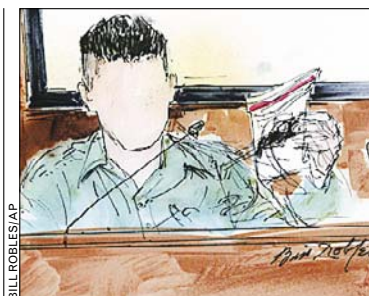


CLOSE CALL: Michael Jackson is assisted by security and his father Joe Jackson, right, as he enters a courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif., after arriving late for his trial.

watched as his accuser told of extensive liquor-laced visits with Jackson at Neverland, looking at sex magazines with the pop star and finally

offering accounts of being molested as he lay in Jackson's bed.

Under questioning by District Attorney Tom Sneddon, the boy said



In this artist's rendering, Jackson's accuser holds up evidence during questioning in court on Thursday.

he could remember two instances of molestation by Jackson.

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. accused the witness of making up the story only after meeting with an attorney. Mesereau also attacked the boy's testimony that he did not feel Jackson had done much for him while he had cancer.

The court planned to handle pending motions on Friday and resume testimony on Monday.

LINDA DEUTSCH (AP)

Fla. Agency Barred From Schiavo Battle

Judge rules state can't delay removal of woman's feeding tube

TAMPA, FLA. | A judge ruled Thursday that Florida's social services agency cannot intervene to delay the removal of the feeding tube keeping brain-damaged

Terri Schiavo alive.

The Department of Children & Families had asked for a 60-day delay in the removal of the tube, now set for March 18. The agency said it wanted time to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect against the woman's husband, Michael Schiavo.

But Circuit Judge George W.



Terri Schiavo, shown with her mother in 2001, is at the center of a bitter legal fight.

Greer said those allegations and many others had been investigated in the past. The husband's attorney had criticized the last-minute attempt by the agency to step in, saying it was engineered by Gov. Jeb Bush and other state officials supporting the woman's parents, who are trying to keep her alive.

Schiavo's parents still have two issues pending in the state's 2nd District Court of Appeals, which plans to rule next week. (AP)

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LET THEM EAT CAKE! Texas House members voted Wednesday to allow students to again eat cupcakes — with sprinkles — to celebrate birthdays. New school lunch rules in effect also sought to limit junk food, but they too had been given a “cupcake clarification.”



Clinton's surgeon, Dr. Joshua Sonett, discusses the operation on Thursday.

Clinton's Surgery Successful

NEW YORK | Surgeons successfully removed fluid and scar tissue from Bill Clinton's chest cavity Thursday, cleaning up minor complications from the former president's heart bypass operation of six months ago.

Clinton was “awake and resting comfortably” after four hours of surgery, said Herbert Pardes, president of New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. His wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and daughter, Chelsea, were with him and said to be pleased with the outcome.

Clinton, 58, told doctors he was looking forward to getting on with his recovery, which could take any where from three to 10 days.

Clinton underwent heart bypass surgery in September because of clogged arteries. Doctors described Thursday's operation as a low-risk procedure to relieve a complication that crops up in only a fraction of 1 percent of bypass patients. (AP)

EPA Toughens Air Rules

Government aims to reduce soot and smog pollution in 28 states

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration on Thursday ordered reductions in smog and soot pollution across 28 states in the East, South and Midwest with the goal of making the air cleaner to breathe for people downwind of coal-burning power plants.

The Environmental Protection Agency's new regulations set pollution quotas for 28 states and the District of Columbia on smog-forming nitrogen oxides and soot-pro-

ducing sulfur dioxide. Most of the states are east of the Mississippi River.

The agency envisions that the clean air rule will prevent 17,000 premature deaths and 700,000 cases annually of bronchitis, asthma and other respiratory ailments, while also improving the air in parks and forests.

The rule “will result in the largest pollution reductions and health benefits of any air rule in more than a decade,” said Stephen Johnson, the EPA's acting administrator and President Bush's nominee to be the agency's full-time chief.

EPA officials estimate that

achieving the pollution cuts will end up costing about \$4 billion a year, but that the benefits will be much greater; for example, \$85 billion annually from improved health among people downwind. The benefits to outdoor visibility were put at \$2 billion a year.

By 2015, nitrogen oxide pollution will have to drop by 1.9 million tons annually, or 61 percent below 2003 levels. Sulfur dioxide pollution must drop by 5.4 million tons, a 57 percent reduction. **JOHN HEILPRIN (AP)**

In the air: Environmental, industry groups react to the EPA's changes on air quality | **Today's Post, A Section**

In Brief

NEW YORK

Yemeni Sheik Convicted Of Terror-Funding Charges

A Yemeni sheik and his assistant were convicted Thursday of plotting to channel money to al Qaeda and Hamas, handing a victory to prosecutors shaken last year when the man who was supposed to be their star witness set himself on fire outside the White House. Sheik Mohammed Ali Hassan Al-Moayad and Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed were found guilty on all but two of the 10 charges in an indictment that accused them of vital roles in a terror-funding network that stretched from Brooklyn to Yemen. (AP)



Al-Moayad

WASHINGTON

Genetic Mutation Linked to Illness That Blinds Millions

The leading cause of blindness in the elderly, age-related macular degeneration, has been linked to a gene mutation, raising hopes of earlier detection and possible treatment. Millions have the disease, and many more are expected to get it as populations age. Being able to relate a gene mutation to the illness may lead to better remedies, scientists hope. The findings are in this week's online issue of the journal Science. (AP)

FLORIDA | **BIG WHEELS**



HANDS OFF: A girl is told by her parent not to touch a motorcycle on display during Bike Week in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Thursday. Bike Week attracts motorcycle fans from around the globe with more than 500,000 expected to attend this year.

Oh Say Can You ... Sing the Anthem?

WASHINGTON | “Oh say can you” remember the rest of the words?

A lot of Americans can't, so there's a national effort under way to get people to learn the lyrics to “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Called the National Anthem Project, various workshops, in-school programs and public-service announcements are geared toward instilling in people the significance of the national anthem and its role

in U.S. history. An emphasis will be placed on learning the lyrics to “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

The effort kicked off Thursday on the west lawn of the Capitol with a performance of the anthem led by The Oak Ridge Boys and hundreds of school kids.

Schools across the country will be taking part in the project, and special performances of the anthem will be held.

The anthem has four verses, but the first one, ending “and the home of the brave,” is the one usually sung at events.

“The official standards for our anthem specifically state that the song was meant to be sung together,” said John Mahlmann, executive director of the National Association for Music Education. “But now many Americans don't even know the words to the song or which song is the official anthem.”

SIOBHAN MCDONOUGH (AP)

HEARSAY | HEALING

“Despite tragedy and heartbreak, life indeed does go on ... I know that somewhere Bob is looking down and smiling.”

— **DORIS MATSUI, D-CALIF.**
ON BEING SWORN-IN TO FILL THE HOUSE SEAT LEFT VACANT AFTER THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, U.S. REP. BOB MATSUI. SHE WON THE SEAT IN A SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY.

Today in The Washington Post

Reform Angst: A survey of senators by the Washington Post finds formidable opposition to President Bush's bid to add private accounts to Social Security. | **Page A1**

Plugged In: First it was file-sharing Napster, then it was blogs — now the new interactive Web tool on campus is the wiki. | **Metro**

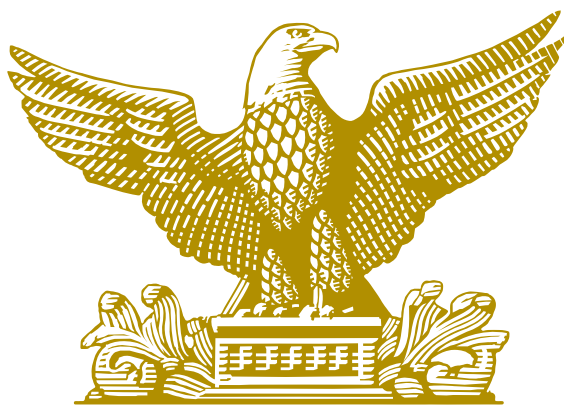
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World



INTERIOR DESIGN: Swedish furniture giant Ikea said Thursday it would use more illustrations of women in its manuals on building furniture after a Norwegian newspaper found they show almost exclusively men, Agence France-Presse reported.

Mosque Attack Kills 47 in Iraq

Violence comes as Shiites, Kurds make progress on coalition

MOSUL, IRAQ | A suicide attacker set off a bomb that tore through a funeral tent jammed with Shiite mourners in Mosul on Thursday. The attack, which killed 47 and wounded more than 100, came as Shiite and Kurdish politicians said they overcame a major stumbling block to forming a new coalition government.

Shiite mosques and funerals have become a frequent target of Sunni-led insurgents. Dealing with the persistent insurgency will be a



POLICE TARGETED: The brother of Col. Ahmed Abeis, chief of a Baghdad police station, wails in grief after Abeis was shot dead by gunmen Thursday.

main task for a new government.

Officials said the deal between the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi

Alliance and Kurdish parties opens the way for naming a Cabinet when the democratically elected National Assembly convenes Wednesday.

The Kurds agreed to support the alliance's candidate for prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari. In exchange, the alliance will back Jalal Talabani as Iraq's first-ever Kurdish president. The Kurds will receive one major Cabinet post — one fewer than they demanded.

"We told the Kurds that if they are going to have the presidency, then they could have only one major Cabinet post because Sunnis should have one," said Ali al-Dabaghal, a ranking member of the alliance. (AP)

ZARQAWI GROUP POSTS VIDEO OF HOTEL ATTACK

→ **Jordanian militant** Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, al Qaeda in Iraq, purportedly posted a video on a Web site Thursday showing the huge explosion that rocked a central Baghdad hotel frequented by foreign security contractors in a blast that killed four and wounded 40 others, including 30 American contractors.

The video posted Thursday is shot from a car near the scene of Wednesday's attack. A man in the vehicle chanted "Allah Akbar" or "God is Great" as the video camera zoomed in on the hotel just seconds before the massive bombed exploded. (AP)

In Brief

FRANCE

Continental Placed Under Investigation for Jet Crash

A French magistrate formally placed Continental Airlines under investigation for the suspected role played by one of the U.S. carrier's jets in the crash of the supersonic Concorde in July 2000. It was the first time that judicial authorities formally opened a case in the Concorde crash that killed 113 people. Two probes by experts pointed to a titanium strip from a Continental jet as the source of the disaster. (AP)

MEXICO

Rice Tries to Calm Frayed Nerves on Trip to Mexico

On her first trip to Mexico as secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice on Thursday sought to calm irritation at recent American reports critical of Mexico, expressing admiration for the country's democracy and its progress against drugs and human rights abuses. Rice also lauded Mexico's cooperation in protecting the shared border from terrorists. (AP)



Rice

GEORGIA

Vote in Parliament Raises Stakes in Row With Moscow

In a 159-0 vote Thursday, Parliament urged the government to set a deadline for Moscow to close two Russian military bases in Georgia in a move that raised the stakes in a dispute between the two countries. The issue is one of several that have soured relations between Moscow and Tbilisi, where a Western-oriented government took power last year. (AP)

GUATEMALA

Congress Passes Free Trade Pact With U.S. in 126-12 Vote

Shrugging off rowdy protests, Congress voted on Thursday to ratify a Central American free trade agreement with the United States. The 126-12 vote had been delayed by days of street protests. The protests subsided Thursday after police warned they would arrest the leaders of the demonstrations for causing a public disturbance. (AP)

Pakistan Says Scientist Sold Centrifuges to Iran

Official: Govt. wasn't aware of Khan's activities

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | After years of denials, Pakistan admitted Thursday that its top nuclear scientist sold crucial equipment to Iran, but said it knew nothing of his activities when they occurred.

The admission by the Pakistani information minister was the first public acknowledgment that Abdul Qadeer Khan provided Iran's secret nuclear program with centrifuges, a crucial component needed to enrich uranium and produce nuclear material for warheads.

"Dr. Abdul Qadeer gave some centrifuges to Iran," the minister, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "He helped Iran in his personal capacity,

and the Pakistan government had nothing to do with it."

Ahmed later told the AP that Pakistan is fully cooperating with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. body investigating Khan's illicit sales of nuclear technology.



Khan

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf pardoned Khan last year. However, Khan remains restricted to his home in Islamabad. The scientist is considered a hero by his countrymen for nearly single-handedly producing atomic bombs to counter rival India's nuclear arsenal. (AP)

Hong Kong Leader Says He'll Resign

HONG KONG | Hong Kong's beleaguered leader said Thursday he's quitting because of failing health — not pressure from Beijing.

Tung Chee-hwa's resignation ended a political guessing game that dragged on for nearly two weeks in the former British colony

that returned to Chinese rule eight years ago. Until now, Tung refused to address rumors he was leaving.

If Beijing accepts Tung's resignation — and most believe it will — his position will be temporarily filled by the No. 2 ranking official, Donald Tsang, until an election is held within six months. The next leader will be elected by an 800-member election committee loaded with people loyal to Beijing. (AP)

SPAIN | REMEMBERING 3/11



12 MONTHS SINCE: On Thursday in Alcala de Henares, just outside Madrid, a visitor touches the names engraved in a monument dedicated to the victims of the March 11 train bombings. Spain will mark the first anniversary of the attacks, which killed 191 people and injured more than 1,500, on Friday.



GIRL POWER: Andhra Pradesh state in southern India is offering to pay \$2,300 to encourage families to give birth to a girl, part of an effort to reverse a drop in the number of female babies being born. The money will be paid to the girl when she turns 20, provided both parents then undergo birth control operations, the state's top elected official said this week. (AP)

THROW THE BOOKS AT 'EM: Police in one Mexico City district have been told they must read at least one book a month or forfeit a shot at promotion in a bid to raise standards by increasing literacy, the BBC reported.



World



A genocide suspect stands trial before a community court in the town of Zivu in southern Rwanda on Thursday. Rwandan officials aim to set up 12,000 such courts.

Rwandan Communities Try Genocide Suspects

Neighborhood court metes out first conviction

KIGALI, RWANDA | A nine-judge community court handed down its first conviction Thursday of a Rwandan accused of killings in the 1994 genocide, as authorities set in motion a system of trials designed to speed the task of deciding the guilt or innocence of the 63,000 people accused of taking part in the slaughter.

Survivors have complained about the slow pace of implementing the new system, known as gacaca trials, and what they say are lenient sentences given to those who confess. Human rights groups have said the proceedings do not meet international standards for criminal courts.

But Rwandan officials said

that they turned to the system to speed the judicial process, which has dragged on for more than a decade since the ethnic slaughter that pitted extremists from the Hutu majority against the Tutsi minority.

Those serving on the courts are elected by their communities, which hold public meetings to gather evidence and decide if suspects should be tried. The courts can impose penalties of up to life in prison.

Rwanda's conventional courts now are trying only the cases of the alleged leaders of the 100-day slaughter. The very top genocide suspects are being tried at a U.N. tribunal in Tanzania. (AP)

Kosovar Faces 37 Charges

U.N. tribunal details counts against ex-PM

THE HAGUE | A U.N. war crimes court charged Kosovo's former prime minister Thursday with 37 counts of war crimes for alleged atrocities committed against Serbs and Gypsies by ethnic Albanian separatists during the province's 1998-1999 war.

Ramush Haradinaj, a former commander of the Western-backed Kosovo Liberation Army, surrendered to the court Wednesday after resigning as prime minister of the semiautonomous Serbian province. He is the highest-ranking Kosovo Albanian to go on trial at the 10-year-old tribunal.

Haradinaj, 36, faces 17 counts of crimes against humanity for alleged murder, rape, persecution, inhumane acts, unlawful detention, deportation or forcible transfer of civilians. He also faces 20 counts of violations of the laws or customs of war. He could face life imprisonment if convicted of any of the charges. ANTHONY DEUTSCH (AP)



Haradinaj

Americans Warned Of Threat in Jiddah

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | U.S. citizens living in a compound in western Saudi Arabia have been put on high alert after the American Embassy issued an increased threat level warning, officials said Thursday.

The warning singled out the Sierra Village, on the outskirts of Jiddah, where tensions remain high following a Dec. 6 attack on the U.S. consulate by Islamic militants.

"Official Americans are relocating to an alternate location," according to a statement posted on the U.S. Embassy's Web site. An embassy official declined to elaborate. (AP)

JAPAN | WHEN WAR CAME



TRIBUTE: Japanese burn incense and pray during a ceremony marking the 60th anniversary of the U.S. air raid on Tokyo at a memorial hall in the capital on Thursday. Some 100,000 people died in the World War II assault, more than immediately died in the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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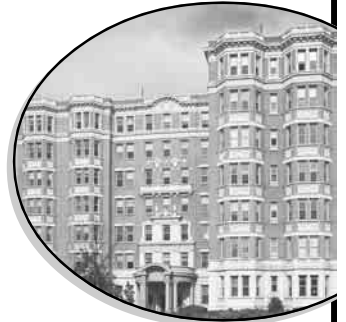
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Money

Forbes' New World Order

Businessmen outside U.S. climb in ranking of richest billionaires

NEW YORK | Thanks to a surge in demand for steel, the Internet and Scandinavian sofas, there are some new names among the very richest of the world's billionaires, according to rankings by Forbes magazine.

Indian steel mogul Lakshmi Mittal, Mexican telecom magnate Carlos Slim Helu and Ikea founder Ingvar Kamprad of Sweden knocked several Wal-Mart heirs down a few notches on Forbes magazine's 2005 rankings of the world's billionaires.

The billionaires are richer and more numerous for the second

straight year, but the No. 1 spot is unchanged — Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates led the list for the 11th year in a row with a net worth of \$46.5 billion.

Mittal — the biggest dollar gainer after quadrupling his net worth by \$18.8 billion to \$25 billion — climbed 59 rungs from last year to No. 3 in 2005. Rounding out the top 10 were Microsoft's Paul Allen at No. 7, German supermarket company owner Karl Albrecht, Oracle Corp.'s Lawrence Ellison — returning to the top 10 after slipping to No. 12 last year — and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s S. Robson Walton.

The number of billionaires grew to a record 691 from 587 last year, and their total net worth rose by \$300 billion to \$2.2 trillion. MADLEN READ (AP)

FORBES' BILLIONAIRES

The world's richest people, including the source of their money, wealth in billions and location.



Gates

- 1 — Bill Gates, Microsoft, \$46.5, Washington
- 2 — Warren Buffett, Berkshire Hathaway, \$44, Nebraska
- 3 — Lakshmi Mittal, steel, \$25, India

Mittal, steel, \$25, India

4 — Carlos Slim Helu, telecom, \$23.8, Mexico

5 — Prince Alwaleed Bin Talai Al Saud, investments, \$23.7, Saudi Arabia

6 — Ingvar Kamprad, Ikea, \$23, Sweden

ID Theft at DSW May Affect 100,000

COLUMBUS, OHIO | More than 100,000 customers of a shoe-store chain likely have been affected by a cyber break-in of the company's database, the Secret Service said Thursday.

Columbus-based DSW Shoe Warehouse discovered the theft of credit card and personal shopping information last Friday and

reported it to federal authorities, the company said. DSW was alerted by a credit card company that noticed suspicious activity.

The company's announcement follows disclosure within the last month from two database brokers that intruders accessed personal information from more than 170,000 citizens and the disclosure

last month from Bank of America that it lost computer data tapes containing personal information of 1.2 million federal employees.

At DSW, an outside contractor is evaluating the company's network to determine how it was breached, said Kurt Douglass, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Cincinnati office. The information was stolen from a database for 103 of the chain's 175 stores. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GreenbCos	30.32	+4.22	+16.2
TrnsRty	18.50	+2.58	+16.2
BradPhm	9.57	+7.9	+9.0
ShopKo	19.48	+1.38	+7.6
RiteAid	4.03	+2.7	+7.2

Losers

BlueLinx n	14.84	-3.16	-17.6
Nortellnv	10.09	-1.91	-15.9
DeltaAir	4.33	-.56	-11.5
BerryP	56.17	-6.61	-10.5
CallonP	15.62	-1.57	-9.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.50	5.50
Fed Funds close	2.50	2.50
3-month	2.69	2.70
2-year	3.68	3.58
10-year	4.47	4.38
30-year	4.76	4.74

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Catuity rs	5.54	+1.87	+51.0
BluDolp	3.98	+1.13	+39.6
VelctyE h rs	7.48	+1.86	+33.1
HiToPhrm	19.26	+3.42	+21.6
Forward	8.92	+1.25	+16.3

Losers

StaarSur	4.62	-1.31	-22.1
Solexa n	14.14	-2.86	-16.8
Net2Phn	2.08	-.41	-16.5
AbleEnr	9.31	-1.81	-16.3
Manntch	21.23	-3.93	-15.6

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5202	.5190	.5536
Canadian Dollar	1.2031	1.2045	1.3227
European Euro	.7449	.7459	.8165
Japanese Yen	104.02	103.85	110.71
Mexican Peso	11.0240	11.0010	10.9710
Taiwanese Dollar	30.65	30.68	33.37

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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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BrMySq	24.87	+.15	-2.9
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The Look Of Love at The Zoo

Behind closed doors, pandas have two mating encounters

WASHINGTON | Love is in the air at the National Zoo's panda house. The zoo's female panda, Mei Xiang, has begun her annual mating season and had two mating encounters Thursday with the male panda, Tian Tian, zoo spokeswoman Peper Long said. The pandas will get several more opportunities over the next couple of days before zoo officials try artificial insemination. Last year, Tian Tian did not show enough sustained interest in mating with Mei Xiang for a successful breeding. An attempt at artificial insemination was also unsuccessful. This year, the zoo is hoping to give the pandas a better chance for success by closing their exhibit to the public during the mating period. Those who want to see the panda's progress for themselves can check out the panda web-cams on the National Zoo's Web site. Those cameras are operated by behavior monitors who are looking for signs that Mei Xiang is pregnant. MARTY NILAND (AP)

Metro Eyes Redskins Plan

Transit agency seeks to match lot prices near FedEx Field

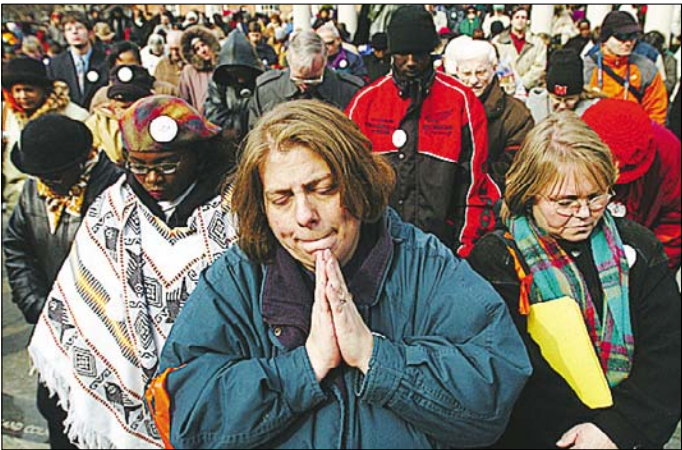
WASHINGTON | Metro is lining up to tackle a parking problem before Washington Redskins' fans block their parking lots. Parking at Metro lots is normally free on weekends, while the Redskins charge \$25 to use their lots. The transit agency wants to even the score by meet-

ing that price at the Largo Town Center and Morgan Boulevard stations on the Blue Line. Both are within walking distance of the stadium. The extra parking charges would be in effect only during FedEx Field events and would not apply to Metro riders, who would still park for free. Parking manager Ray Stoner — who defined a rail rider as someone who took the subway at least one stop away within two hours —

said SmarTrip cards will tell them if someone used the subway. So what if passengers try to dodge the parking charge by taking a \$1.35 ride from Largo to Morgan, then walking the 0.9 miles to the stadium? "We're going to monitor that," Stoner said. The measure now goes to the full board for approval. If it's given the OK, Metro estimates it will bring in an extra \$363,000 a year. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

MORE TRAINS FOR NATS
METRO ANNOUNCED PLANS
THURSDAY to run six-car trains to get fans home from the Washington Nationals games this season. It will require the cash-strapped transit agency to add 13 positions for maintenance. After some chatter, budget committee members approved plans to add \$1.2 million to cover extra service and security during the 40 home games scheduled in Metro's 2005 fiscal year. Metro believes the service will essentially pay for itself. (AP)

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | GAY MARRIAGE DEBATE



PRAYER PROTEST: Tracy Roy, of Shadyside, Md., center, was one of about 300 demonstrators to pray on Thursday afternoon outside the State House in Annapolis, Md., and show support for a ban on same-sex marriages.

Contaminated Clothes Found at School

WASHINGTON | No more mercury was found Thursday at Cardozo High School, where officials from the Environmental Protection Agency said they were making progress toward cleaning the building after three previous mercury contaminations. Workers did find mercury contaminated clothing and shoes inside three lockers at the still-closed Northwest Washington school, said

Marcus Aquino, the EPA's on-scene coordinator. He said the EPA was directed to the lockers by police, but would not say whether the lockers belonged to three students charged with spreading mercury at the school on Feb. 23. Police had no immediate comment. (AP)

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Hot Five	27-15-16-1-5
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	4-20-26-37-39 (8)

MARYLAND	
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Evening Pick 3	3-8-6
Mid-day Pick 4	4-1-3-2
Evening Pick 4	0-4-1-7
Match 5	6-16-20-31-37 Bonus: 10
Lotto (Wed.)	12-17-22-27-44-46
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	0-6-1
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Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-2-7-2
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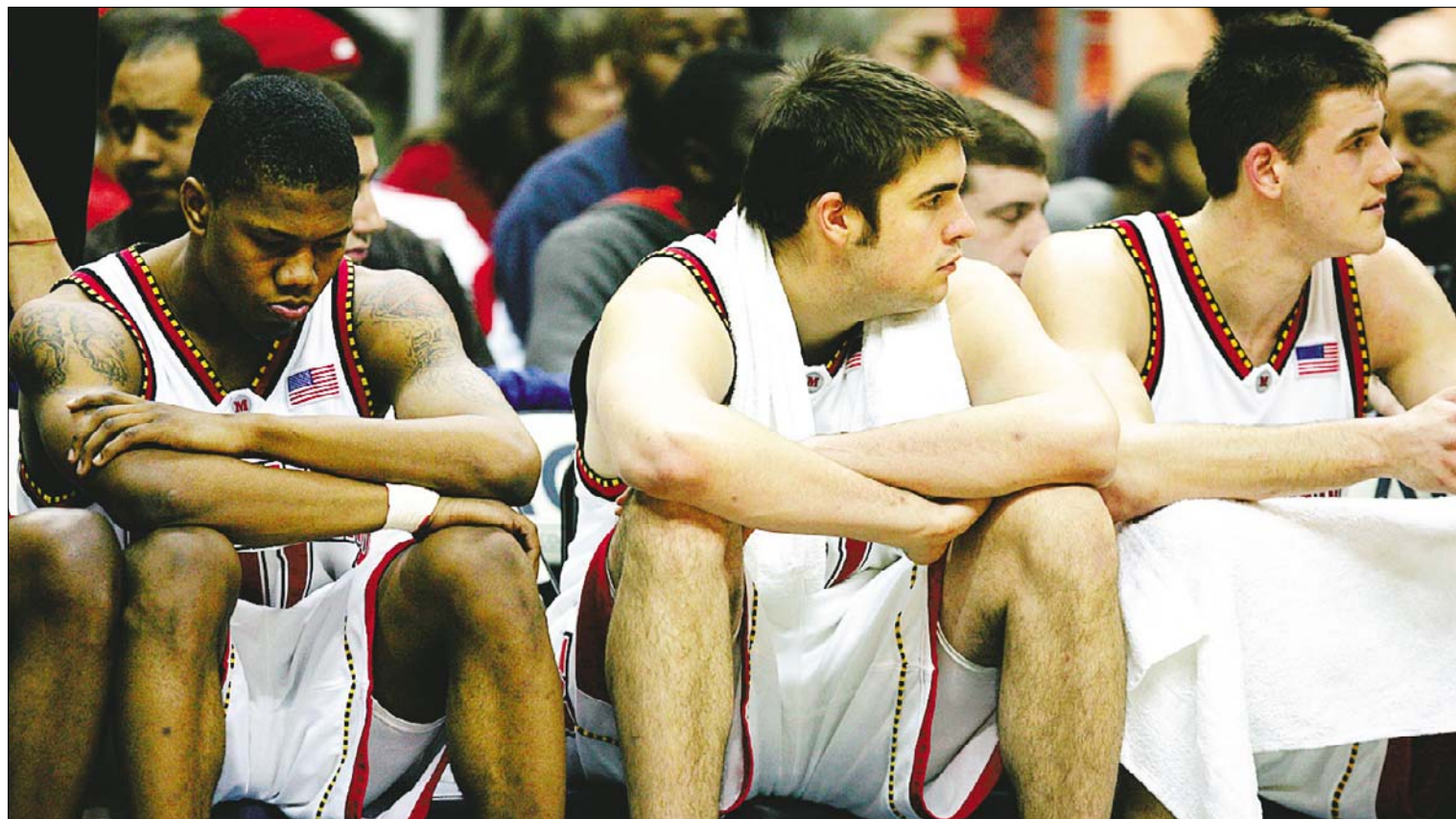
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AT A LOSS: John Gilchrist, Will Bowers and Nik Caner-Medley watch from the bench during the final moments of the Terps' 84-72 loss to Clemson at the MCI Center.

Stop the Music

Terps may be headed to NIT after loss to Tigers in ACC tourney

COLLEGE HOOPS | Maryland's reign as Atlantic Coast Conference champion is over, courtesy of yet another whipping by unheralded Clemson.

Shawan Robinson made six 3-pointers and scored 24 points, leading the Tigers to an 84-72 victory Thursday in the opening round of the ACC tournament at the MCI Center.

Clemson, which hadn't won a game in the tournament since 2001, next faces second-ranked North Carolina on Friday. It marked the first

time in school history that Clemson (16-14) beat Maryland (16-12) three times in the same season.

The loss was a serious blow to the Terrapins' bid to reach the NCAA tournament for the 12th-straight season. Maryland has lost four straight and five of six, the lone win in that stretch a double-overtime escape against last-place Virginia.

"The last 11 years we've gone. I'd like to go 12 straight, but that's entirely up to the selection committee," coach Gary Williams said.

If the Terrapins don't advance, they can only blame themselves. Maryland shot 35 percent, missed 10 free throws and committed 23 turnovers.

AROUND THE TOURNEYS

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Big East
→ W. Virginia 78, BC 72
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Big Ten
→ Northwestern 58, Michigan 56
→ Iowa 71, Purdue 52
Atlantic 10
→ St. Joe's 63, Richmond 51
→ Xavier 83, La Salle 70
Pac 10
→ Arizona 88, California 63
Conference USA
→ Louisville 85, TCU 61

Maryland won the ACC tournament last year with an improbable run, beating the third, second and top-seeded teams. This time, however, the Terrapins couldn't eradicate the inconsistency that plagued them throughout the regular season.

Chris McCray led the Terps with 24 points and Nik Caner-Medley had 14 on 5-for-17 shooting. John Gilchrist, a star in the ACC tournament last year, missed six of seven shots and scored just four points. He played only two minutes in the second half because of a sore ankle.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



Late games: Both the Georgetown and George Washington conference games on Thursday ended after Express' deadline. For results | **Today's Post, Sports**

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→ **SELECTION SUNDAY:** All the questions will be answered for bubble teams when the NCAA announces the brackets for the women's tournament (5 p.m. on ESPN) and the men's tournament (6 p.m. on CBS).



Antoine Walker and Boston are thriving since a trade made two weeks ago.

→ **TEA PARTY:** The banged-up Washington Wizards travel to Boston on Sunday (6 p.m. on Comcast) to face the Celtics, who are on a roll since bringing back forward Antoine Walker at the trade deadline.

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SHAO | **'I am the Law'** NBA superstar Shaquille O'Neal will spend some of his offseason working as a lawman in Roanoke, Va., to help educate children about the dangers of Internet sexual predators. O'Neal already is a certified police officer, graduating from



the police academy in Los Angeles in 2000 while he played for the Lakers. Although O'Neal was playing basketball at the time, Bedford County Sheriff Mike Brown said he completed the academy by attending classes at night and on some Saturdays. (AP)

Sports | Weekend

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COLLEGE HOOPS | BY MATT SWENSON

Chump Change
For Maryland

MARYLAND'S YEARLONG TRANSFORMATION from champs to chumps is now complete.

Thursday's loss to Clemson should leave no doubt what letters will be in the Terrapins' future: NIT.

Who could have imagined this scenario a year ago when Maryland won the ACC tournament with largely the same group of players?

Surely the Terps would build on their success last March and come back as an even stronger squad. A 12th-straight trip to the NAAs was a given and Sweet 16 looked likely before the season started.

But it didn't work out that way.

The best thing you can say about this year's Terps is that they knew how to beat Duke but were otherwise an inconsistent team playing in the country's best basketball conference.

At worst, you can say Maryland took its talent for granted and never worked hard enough to reach its potential.

Even before Thursday's loss, it was a stretch to call Maryland a bubble team after they lost three straight to end the regular season.

There's no excuse for three losses to Clemson. And the most recent is the worst because of the stakes involved. The Terps knew they needed to win just to be considered for the NCAA tournament — and they still laid an egg.

It's a loss that should be shocking for the defending ACC champs, but it was predictable to anyone who followed the Terps all season.

There's probably an outside shot for Maryland to make the NCAA tournament, but the team proved, once and for all, that it doesn't deserve a bid.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

Brown Has
New Setback

Once again, Wizards' star-crossed center is nursing an injury

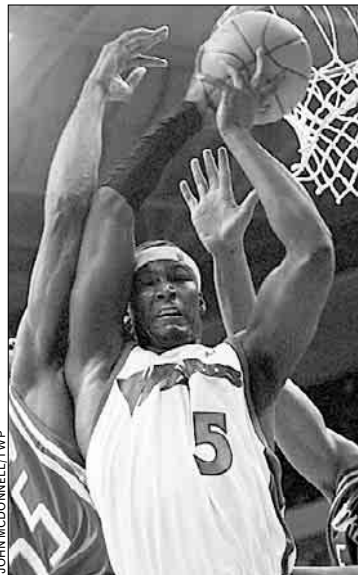
WIZARDS | It finally looked like Kwame Brown was turning it around.

The former No. 1 pick in the draft finished last season with a slate of career highs, including nearly 11 points and more than 7 rebounds per game.

So the only thing more surprising than the Wizards' third-in-the-East record is how little the center has had to do with it. Struggling with injuries — nothing new, for him — he's been a near-forgotten component of the team, resulting in his worst season since his rookie year.

But as the rest of the Wizards' roster limped off to the sidelines one-by-one starting with Larry Hughes in January, it seemed that Brown would finally get a shot not only to regain a starting role, but also to be featured in a playbook forced to find new options.

And then, once again, just as Brown was to step into the spotlight, he sprained his ankle. He was unable to get in much practice on



JOHN McDONNELL/TWP

Just as Kwame Brown returned to the Wizards, he has a sore ankle again.

Thursday because of a sore ankle, said coach Eddie Jordan, and what he'll be able to do from here is anybody's guess. But he's not the only one being prescribed the bleachers: only eight players took part in the practice, Jordan said.

"It's a great time to get some rest," said the coach, whose team doesn't play again until Sunday's game at Boston. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

Women
Terps Set
To Dance

WOMEN'S HOOPS | Unlike its male counterpart, the Maryland Terrapins' women basketball team does not face the question of whether it will be invited to the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

After strong seasons from first-team All-ACC guard Shay Doron and second-team All-ACC forward Crystal Langhorne, the Terps only wait on their seed.

Last season the Terps' 17-12 record earned them a No. 12 seed. This year's 21-9 record should be



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Coach Brena Frese has led Maryland to a 21-9 record so far this season.

good enough to get Maryland at least a No. 7 seed.

But the Terps have issues to worry about. The team's greatest long-term strength is its greatest short-term problem — this squad is young. Doron is a sophomore; Langhorne is a freshman. While that could mean higher seeds in years to come, inexperience could spell an early exit this year. BRENDAN LOWE

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Stars 'Not Above' Law

Congressman urges sports leagues to use uniform drug test plan

DOPING | The chairman of a House subcommittee said Thursday that all major U.S. sports leagues should work toward a single drug-testing plan, and the heads of a congressional committee that subpoenaed stars said baseball players should not be "above the law."

"Our elite athletic organizations, both professional and amateur, should establish uniform, world-class, drug-testing standards that are as consistent and robust as our criminal laws in this area," said Rep. Cliff Stearns, chairman of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee. "Nothing less should be tolerated."

Labor lawyers from the commissioner's office and the NFL testified before the panel, which also heard



CARLOS BARRIA/REUTERS

The Orioles' Sammy Sosa is scheduled to testify in Washington next Thursday.

from Donald Hooton of Plano, Texas, whose son was a steroid user and committed suicide, and Dr. Ralph Hale, chairman of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees drug testing for Olympic sports.

On Wednesday, the House Government Reform Committee issued subpoenas calling for Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and five other baseball stars to testify

at a March 17 hearing. The committee also demanded a variety of documents and records of baseball's drug tests.

Baseball balked at the subpoenas. Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the commissioner's office, said the committee had no jurisdiction, was trying to violate baseball's first amendment privacy rights.

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)



CHRIS GARDNER/AP

Announcer Jon Mill hugs an unidentified woman at Thompson's memorial.

Memorial Held For Thompson

BALTIMORE | Former Baltimore Colts and Orioles gathered Thursday to remember Hall of Fame broadcaster Chuck Thompson as a golden voice in sports who respected the players and loved the fans in an era when the games were simpler and a handshake could stand as a contract.

"One of the greatest voices in sports is silent," Thompson's son, Craig, said.

Thompson, who died Sunday after suffering a stroke at 83, entertained sports fans for 50 years.

A memorial service for Thompson at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen drew scores of athletes, friends, and fans such as Gov. Robert Ehrlich and Mayor Martin O'Malley. (AP)

Ace Hernandez says he's 'happy' after his second start of spring

NATIONALS | Dontrelle Willis pitched two-hit ball over four innings, and the Florida Marlins beat a Washington Nationals split squad 5-3 Thursday.

Willis struck out two and hit one batter, but walked none.

Livan Hernandez pitched five innings in his second spring start for the Nationals, allowing two runs — one earned — and four hits. He had no walks or strikeouts.

"All of my breaking balls and fastballs were working very well," said Hernandez, who threw 66 pitches. "I tried to work more with the sinker. It was working perfectly. I'm happy with today."

The Nationals' other split squad lost to the Cleveland Indians, 3-1.



Nationals infielder Cristian Guzman slides safely into second on Thursday.

In other news, Washington pitcher Hector Carrasco sustained minor bruises to his neck, shoulder and wrist when he was in a car accident while returning from Orlando on Wednesday night. The car was totaled and Carrasco was ticketed for driving too fast. (AP)



On the job: The Nationals have asked MLB to extend general manager Jim Bowden's contract through the rest of the season | **Today's Post, Sports**

Taylor Cleared of All Charges

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor was cleared Thursday of all charges stemming from a traffic stop last fall.

A judge dismissed Taylor's conviction on a charge of refusing to take a blood alcohol test — ruling there was no probable cause for the Oct. 28 arrest.

At a Jan. 5 hearing in Fairfax County General District Court, the trooper who stopped him testified that Taylor smelled of alcohol. But that judge dismissed a drunken driving charge after watching a

video showing Taylor performing field sobriety tests. However, he



Taylor

convicted Taylor of refusing to take a blood alcohol test, leading to Thursday's appeal.

Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Randy I. Bellows decided to clear Taylor after viewing the same videotape. Had Thursday's appeal not been successful, Taylor risked having his driver's license suspended for a year. (AP)

Favre Back for One More Year

FOOTBALL | Brett Favre is returning to Green Bay for the 2005 season, Packers coach Mike Sherman told The Associated Press.

Sherman said Thursday he had a two-hour conversation with his

quarterback on Wednesday. Favre informed him his wife is doing well in her cancer treatment, so he's planning to play at least one more season.

The three-time MVP said after the Packers' playoff loss to Minnesota in January he wanted to reflect before committing to playing a 15th NFL season following a year of personal tumult. (AP)

A Mossy Situation

Receiver introduced as Redskin, ready to replace Coles — again

REDSKINS | The first time Santana Moss replaced Laveranues Coles at receiver, he responded with his best season. The Washington Redskins hope that's true the second time around.

The Redskins acquired Moss in a long-awaited trade with the New York Jets for Coles, who grew increasingly frustrated with what he termed a "conservative offense" in Washington.

Ironically, with Moss and free-agent signee David Patten, the Redskins now say they want to throw more downfield to their pair of fast, 5-foot-10 receivers.

"We weren't productive," Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said at



KEVIN WOLF/AP

Santana Moss described the trade for Coles as a fresh start on Thursday.

Moss' introduction on Thursday. "We didn't get big plays. That's our hope here. That's the best way we can help our team."

Moss is used to big plays. Though he caught a combined 53 fewer passes than Coles the past two years, he grabbed 15 touchdown passes to only seven for Coles.

"When he hits the ground, he's extremely quick and elusive," Gibbs said. "He's a bona fide speed guy."

Two years ago Moss became a starter after Coles was traded to Washington. Moss finished with 74 receptions for 1,105 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"I got a chance to play and did some big things," Moss said. "Now I'm coming here and he's leaving to go back there. It's so crazy. ... This is a fresh start. Not that I needed one, but now that I have one, it's good." (AP)

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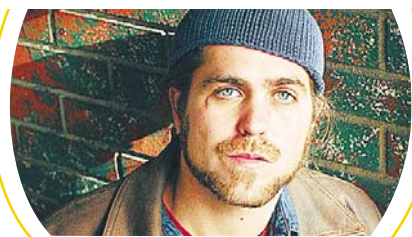
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Droid Rage

In 'Robots,' metal men with heart fight for their individuality

FILM | Full of small, wonderful touches and big, heady ideas, the computer-animated extravaganza "Robots" is both visually dazzling and needlessly heavy-handed.

It's an indictment on the soulless homogeneity of our image-conscious culture. (If you want to take it seriously, even though your kids won't, it's about genocide.) But it's also an opportunity for Robin Williams to be, well, Robin Williams, for the first time in an animated feature since "Aladdin" in 1992.

Among the other actors who lend their voices: Ewan McGregor as Rodney Copperbottom, an idealistic young inventor who fixes robots in need of repair; Greg Kinnear as Ratchet, a Machiavellian corporate bigwig;

Mel Brooks, Drew Carey, Jennifer Coolidge and Amanda Bynes are among the friends Rodney makes when he arrives in Robot City.

Some sequences are utterly breathtaking.

RUDE MECHANICALS:

The b'ots stand up to bullies.

The film's art-deco industrial design scheme suggests an Ayn Rand book brought strikingly to life, with flashes of '50s-era futurism.

The film from

directors Chris Wedge and Carlos Saldanha (who also co-directed "Ice Age" in 2002) takes place in a surreal world populated entirely by robots. The head of Bigweld Industries, the beloved Bigweld (Brooks), is forced out by the young, ambitious Ratchet. Bigweld believed you could shine no matter what you were made of. But Ratchet is disgusted by ugly, imperfect robots and decides to offer only complete makeovers.

"Why be you when you can be new?" is his mantra. And soon makes sure the streets of Robot City are rid of "outmodes," who are swept up and destroyed in a hidden chop shop.

The message — everyone is different; love yourself for who you are — is good for kids, but neither fresh nor insightful. Still, Kinnear is smarmily excellent, McGregor charms with his earnestness and Williams as the dilapidated Fender sounds like he's having a blast. For the most part, you and your family will, too.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



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I'm going to the National Gallery this weekend; is the Terrace Cafe's Sunday jazz brunch worthwhile?

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A look at Toulouse-Lautrec's bohemian life in Paris opens next weekend.

'Hostage': Not Captivating

Bruce Willis' action flick plunges from sublime to ridiculous

FILM | Redemption has a huge body count in Bruce Willis' "Hostage," whose passable start promises a decent action thriller before all credibility is destroyed by an absurd and overblown final act.

Willis plays an ex-hostage negotiator forced to bargain and maneuver for his wife and daughter's lives.

But this is "Die Hard" with a bullhorn as French director Florent Siri apparently assumes American audiences are hard of hearing and doubles the decibels.

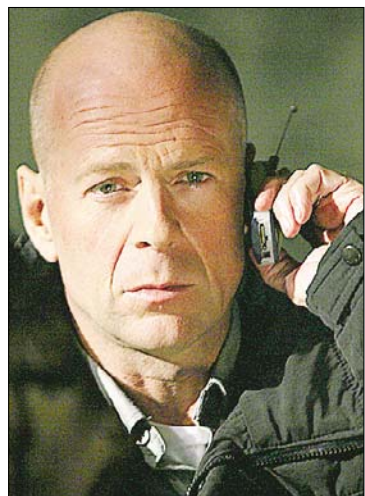
He's Jeff Talley, a crackjack L.A. hostage negotiator with the long stringy hair and laid-back demeanor of a former Grateful Dead fan. When his latest case, a jealous hubby holed up with his wife and son at gunpoint, ends tragically, Talley packs it in, shaves his head, and takes a job as police chief in a

sleepy California community.

A year later, three punks end up holding accountant Walter Smith (Kevin Pollak) and his son and daughter captive in their lavish fortress of a mountainside home.

Talley turns command over to county sheriff's officers, but he's dragged back in by a set of absurd implausibilities. From here, the characters become dumber and dumber, and the action hurdles to preposterous limits.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



In "Hostage," Willis reclaims his "Die Hard"-era smirk and chrome dome.

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's *Washington Post*.

Going Underground: Desson Thomson finds "Downfall," a revisiting of Adolph Hitler's last days in his bunker, intriguing, oddly banal and ultimately deflating. | *Weekend*

The Ice Flurry: "Imaginary Heroes," a tale of suburban anomie, is anchored by an amusingly spiky performance from Sigourney Weaver, but never finds its way. Ann Hornaday reviews. | *Style*

Almost Family: "Dear Frankie" is the surprisingly charming tale of a 9-year-old Scottish boy who bonds with an unlikely father figure. Michael O'Sullivan falls for every second. | *Weekend*

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Cultures, Shocked

A director gets heat for casting Chinese actresses in 'Geisha'

TRUTH VS. FICTION | Bottling the Japanese essence is the challenge facing American film director Rob Marshall and producer Steven Spielberg as they bring Arthur Golden's 1997 novel "Memoirs of a Geisha" alive on screen.

But long before audiences have even seen a trailer, "Memoirs" has generated an underground controversy over the director's decision to cast non-Japanese actresses in the three leading geisha parts. From the opaque alleys of Kyoto's geisha districts to Internet movie chat rooms and the cast of the movie itself, the decision has created unease over what kind of footprint Hollywood will leave on this iconic element of traditional Japanese culture.

Declaring that "my only criteria was who's the best person for the role," Marshall chose China's Ziyi Zhang to play Sayuri, the fictional Japanese girl snatched from her humble fishing village and taken to Kyoto, where she becomes the most celebrated geisha of the 1930s.

Marshall then cast Gong Li, perhaps the most recognizable inter-



Some wonder what the casting of Zhang Ziyi says to Japanese actresses.

national Chinese star of her generation, as Sayuri's conniving rival, Hatsumomo. He picked Malaysian Michelle Yeoh to play the mother figure, Mameha.

And he salted his vision of Japan's imperial age with supporting actors and extras from a multitude of Asian ethnicities.

"Geisha is a part of Japan's eternal culture," leading Chinese director Chen Kaige said at a sym-

posium on Asian values at Japan's Kobe University. "Every action you make, how you walk, how you use a Japanese fan, how you treat people and what kind of facial expressions you have when you talk is going to be expressed based on your Japanese cultural sophistication," he said.

Marshall counters by saying that he is proud of what he calls "non-traditional casting."

"I'm not doing a documentary of the geisha world — this is a fable," the director said. "I'm very proud of an international cast. It is a celebration of the Asian community."

Others argue it is critical that Hollywood pay attention to the subtleties of history and politics. The rest of the world is judging American values, they say, and one of the criteria is whether Americans can see foreign cultures as something more than an exotic stereotype.

"Americans are too often oblivious to distinctions between Asian cultures, and Hollywood should not be encouraging that," says Merry White, an anthropology professor at Boston University who was a consultant on Golden's book. "The world is watching us, to see how we see them." BRUCE WALLACE (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

A 'Passion' for Full Houses

Director Mel Gibson resurrects his pious hit, minus some gore

FILM | The director's cut of Mel Gibson's "The Passion Recut" is actually six minutes shorter than his 127-minute original "The Passion of the Christ," one of last year's biggest films.

The footage Gibson deleted is some of the goriest, which he says he removed to make it more palatable for a wider audience. Some critics believed the film's depiction of Jesus Christ's crucifixion was relentlessly, shockingly bloody.

Gibson explains in a video introduction on the film's Web site that



A slightly shorter, unrated version of "The Passion" may lure in the squeamish.

he was flooded with responses to "The Passion" after its debut nearly a year ago, many from people who loved the movie.

But Gibson added, "Some of you ... thought that perhaps the inten-

sity of the film was prohibitive. So I listened to that and it inspired me to recut the film to cater to those people that perhaps might not have seen it because of its intensity or brutality." CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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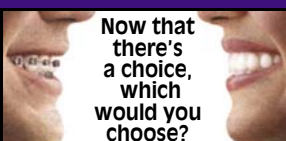
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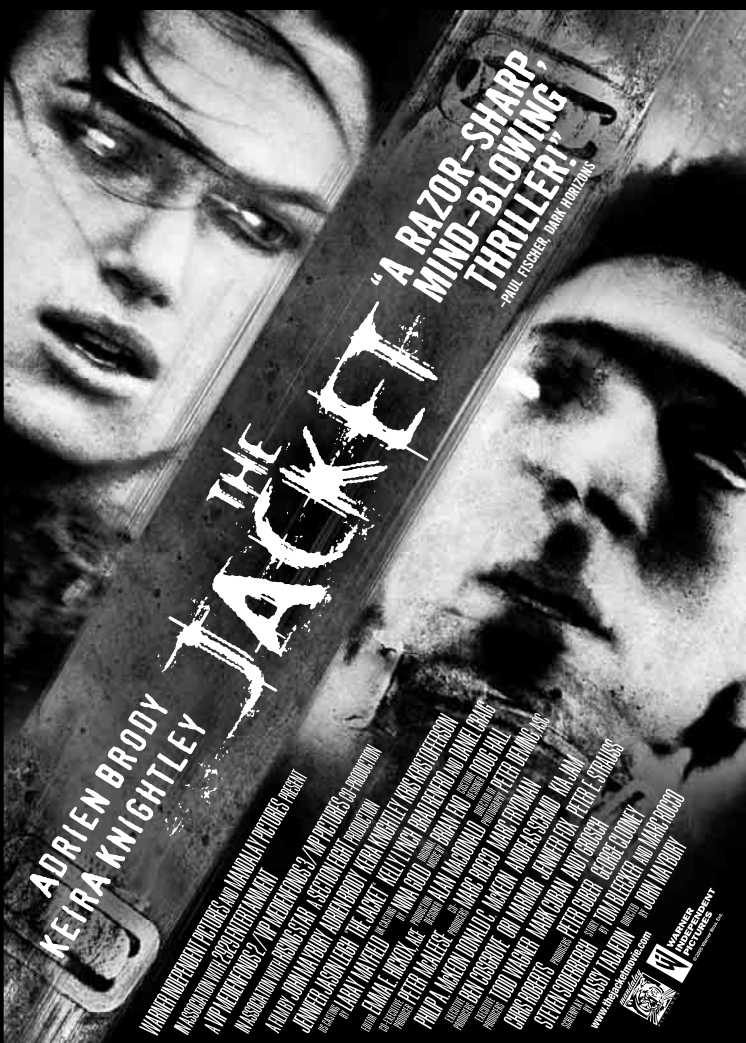
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Whetting appetites for their new albums, **HOT HOT HEAT** and oversexed talk-rockers **LOUIS XIV** play the 9:30 Club with home slices Washington Social Club. DC9 hosts the official after-party — slide in free with your concert hand stamp.

THE SHAKEDOWNS only ask four things of you: Live, Love, Dance, Die. Before you do that last one, head to the Black Cat, where they play with **THE GOONS** and ska-sters **THE READY STEADY GO**.

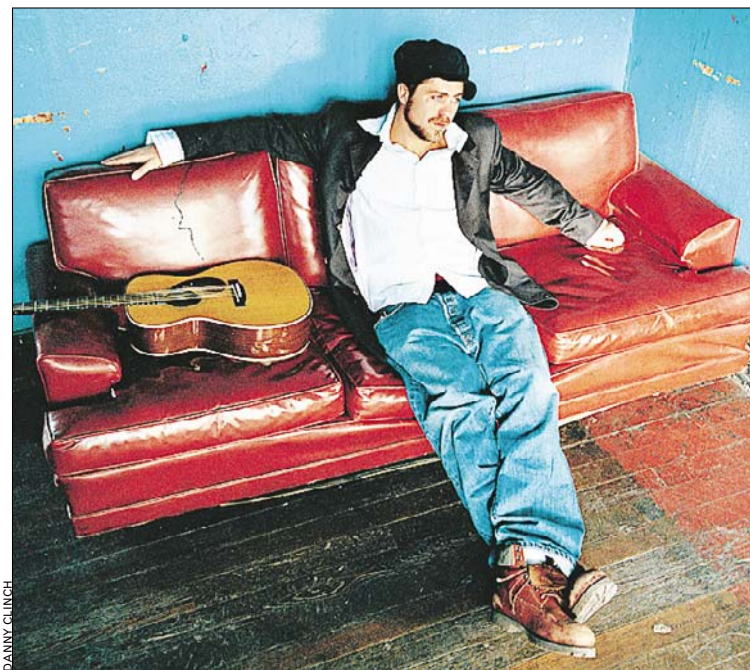
Between sets, or perhaps just because you looove the ladies, head downstairs (Backstage) to the Visions in Feminism benefit dance party. **FIRST LADIES** DJs, along with Baltimore's **DJ PINKY**, spin their usual funky party jams.

BICYCLE THIEVES headline a night of smart alt-pop at Iota, with the SXSW-bound **ARMY OF ME** and **THE UPWELLING**.

If your desert island hip-hop mix tape would include Souls of Mischief's "93 'Til Infinity," you, my friend, need to peep DJ/producer **BLAKE9**. You also belong at Candle Wax, his party at Café Saint-Ex.

SATURDAY

Soul folkie **CITIZEN COPE**, at 9:30



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Songwriter, DJ and all-around crunchy local guy Citizen Cope would like to teach the world to sing at 9:30 on Saturday.

Club, has a way with words. Don't be surprised to see fellas crooning along with his heartfelt street ballads. Boston folkstress **MEIKA PAULEY** is the yin to Cope's musical yang.

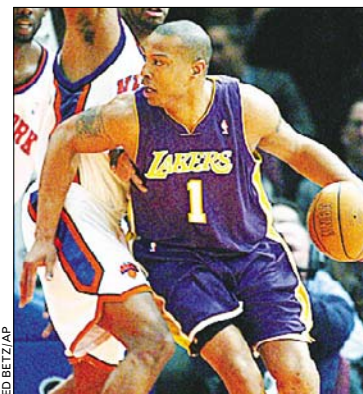
With India.Arie on his credit list, guitarist **ANTHONY DAVID** steps out alone, bringing his gritty Georgia soul to the intimate Mango's.

Jazz drum legend **ROY HAYNES** ("Night in Tunisia," "ÆRound Midnight") salutes Bird in "Birds of a Feather, a Tribute to Charlie Parker," with **CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE** and **KENNY GARRETT** at the Kennedy Center.

Shabba! Dancehall pioneer **SHABBA RANKS** shows the young bwoys how he did it back in the day at Crossroads.

This week's **SUPER SEXY SUNDAY** at Pearl doubles as Caron Butler's birthday bash. DJ **DIRTY HANDZ** spins the hits.

U2's not hitting D.C. 'til fall, but the Dublin roots of **HOTHOUSE FLOWERS**, at Ram's Head, might



Caron Butler celebrates his birthday in style at Club Five's Pearl on Saturday.

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SUNDAY

ERIC ROBERSON headlines Chocolate City Cotton Club at Takoma Station. When he's not penning hits for Philly's top nu-soul artists, he's laying his own heart on the line in song.

The State Theatre hosts a night of up-and-comers. Southern pop-rockers **INGRAM HILL** play with **MICHAEL TOLCHER** and **MOTIVE**.

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CELESTE DAWN MITCHELL



Wammie-winning pop-rockers the Bicycle Thieves tend to render the Iota SRO.

Movies Now Playing

THE AVIATOR (PG-13, 169 minutes)

This film biography of Howard Hughes (Leonardo DiCaprio) is hugely entertaining in a very specific way — its primary appeal is its speed. It's great glamorous fun, but it's moving so fast you don't notice some of the shortcuts and bad choices. (SH)

BE COOL (PG-13, 105 minutes)

This follow-up to 1995's "Get Shorty" finds John Travolta's hustler, Chili Palmer, having made so much dough in pictures that he's now just in it for the giggles. What makes him giggle this time is singer Linda Moon (Christina Milian) whom he decides to make a star. It's — hmmm, less than good, a little better than not bad, almost all right. All the plots are sloppily squished together and unified only by Travolta, oozing charm, gumption and ruthlessness. (SH)



PETER IOVINO/IMG

LUKEWARM: Travolta's still got it in "Be Cool," but the rest of the film, about betrayal and greed in the Los Angeles recording industry, is a crowded mess.

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG, 105 minutes)

Friendless, isolated Opal (AnnaSophia Robb), new to a small Southern town with her preacher father, meets Winn-Dixie, a scruffy, huggable dog that she names after the grocery chain when she finds him running amok. The film chronicles the summer when Opal and Winn-Dixie cobble together

a quirky community of friends. "Winn-Dixie" is that rare youngsters' movie in which the happy ending is hard-won, and that much more triumphant when it comes. (AH)

BORN INTO BROTHELS (unrated, 85 minutes) British photographer Zana Briski comes to Sonagachi, the red-light district of Calcutta, and teaches photography to

the children of prostitutes. As these boys and girls learn how to frame pictures, load film and accept Briski's techniques, they also learn to see their world differently. The movie is really about changing the perspectives of eight children in a hopeless world. (DT)

BRIDE AND PREJUDICE (PG-13, 111 minutes) Gurinder Chadha, the British-Punjabi filmmaker who made "Bend It Like Beckham," has Bollywoodized Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" into an east-meets-west musical. The lovebirds are headstrong Indian Lalita (Aishwarya Rai) and rich-kid yank Will (Martin Henderson). The movie's cross-cultural changes from, and similarities to, the novel are intriguing. But in the end, the film is a we-are-the-world encounter full of colorful ribbons, scarves and saris, with foot-stirring spice-pop. (DT)

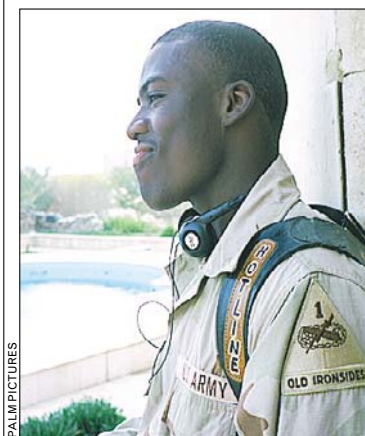
CONSTANTINE (R, 121 minutes) This dreary (and possibly profane) action thriller is rife with theo-core clichés owed to everyone from Linda Blair to the Baltimore Catechism to "Oh God, You Devil!" Keanu Reeves as freelance exorcist John Constantine (from the comic-book series "Hellblazer") spends his time

trying to redeem his soul. Symbology runs amok here, and characters are always looking things up in crumbly tomes to verify the true meaning of this or that.

(HANK STUEVER)

CURSED (PG-13, 96 minutes) Christina Ricci is such a singular film presence that it's heartbreaking to see her in such an unsingular film. Ricci and Jesse Eisenberg play orphaned siblings who, after a mysterious accident, must face

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the possibility of their own werewolfism even while the beast itself chases them. Wes Craven, who started the “Nightmare on Elm Street” series, should know a lot better. The special effects are particularly lame — when the big bad wolf is seen full on, it looks like Rin Tin Tin on a bad hair day. (SH)

DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13, 116 minutes) Based on playwright Tyler Perry’s wildly successful stage version of the same inspirational story, “Diary” is three not-very-good movies in one. In the first, Helen (Kimberly Elise), the spurned spouse of a successful lawyer, finds love in the arms of a blue-collar Adonis. The second is a made-for-TV-style crime/courtroom/medical drama. Movie number three kicks in when Helen seeks shelter and solace in the arms of her grandmother, Madea, played by Perry as a white-wigged battle-ax in droopy-bosomed drag. The gear shifting left me with whiplash, and CinemaScope

ain’t wide enough to contain the scenery chewing here. (MO)

GUNNER PALACE (PG-13, 85 minutes) This is a video diary about 400 soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment who must police the dangerous aftermath of the war in Iraq. It’s an ill-defined, unconventionally dangerous tour of duty. And many soldiers express their frustrations about this, as well as the American media’s lack of attention paid to their grunt lives. But they also talk of their pride at being soldiers and, they hope, becoming combat veterans. The soldiers don’t know what each day is leading to. And neither do we. (DT)

HITCH (PG-13, 114 minutes) Will Smith ditches his slimy slickster routine as a professional smoothie whose wooing tips are in high demand from the love losers of New York. Smith’s Alex “Hitch” Hitchens, scarred from a past dumping and thus a commitment-phobe, gets his comeuppance when he falls for a curvaceous gossip columnist (Eva Mendes) who makes him lose his mojo. The film is flawed but likable, and in the subplot about a 9-to-5 schlub who hires Hitch to help him seduce an heiress (Amber



JONATHAN WENK

ARE WE WHERE YET? Keira Knightly plays a small-town waitress and Adrien Brody plays a man having some trouble with the space-time continuum in “The Jacket.”

Valletta), Kevin James takes the bitter-sweet ballet of the obese to a painfully hilarious new realm. (SD)

HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13, 110 minutes) Filmmaker Terry George isn’t interested in giving Western audiences a case of the guilts — although it would be easy, considering the rest of the world did nothing as 800,000 people were murdered in

Rwanda in a bizarre case of ethnic strife that metastasized into genocide over the course of a few months. Instead, he has made a film about one man’s complicated and finally courageous response to his country’s descent into madness. That man, Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle), sheltered more than 1,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus at the hotel

where he was manager during the crisis. But the great strength of “Hotel Rwanda” is that it’s not about superhuman heroism but simply about human decency. (AH)

THE INCREDIBLES (PG-13, 115 minutes) Funny, inspired, with superbo animation, this is easily the best and brightest family-friendly movie of the year. Bob Parr (Craig T. Nelson) and his wife, Helen (Holly Hunter), “Mr. Incredible” and “Elastigirl,” respectively, have been forced to skip town and are raising super-powered kids in suburban anonymity. Fifteen years into the Parrs’ frustrating retirement, a slinky number named Mirage (Elizabeth Peña) invites Bob on a special mission — and what’s a superheroic family to do except follow? (DT)

THE JACKET (R, 103 minutes) Good acting can’t overcome bad taste. Adrien Brody plays Jack Starks, a Gulf War veteran who returns to his native Vermont. There, he’s party to a number of weird, unsettling encounters, one of which ends in a murder. He’s fingered for the crime, then carted off to a mental institution where he experiences a series of visions in which past and future collide. There won’t be

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ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) 1:35, 4:05
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much new in "The Jacket" for viewers familiar with everything from "Jacob's Ladder" to "The Butterfly Effect" to "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." (AH)

MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13, 97 minutes) Legendary Texas Ranger Roland Sharp (Tommy Lee Jones, brilliantly cast) is charged with keeping five University of Texas cheerleaders — witnesses to a killing — safe, so he moves in, complete with his perfect comic timing. But the comedy about the salty old guy in the house of youth mutates into the cheerleaders-are-wise comedy, moves on to an oldsters-

fall-in-love drama, takes time out for the African-American-minister musical and winds up with a dad-daughter-reconciliation number. Soon, the many personalities grow tiresome. (SH)

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13, 137 minutes) Clint Eastwood's movie is not only a tribute to boxing but also to the old-time movies and fiction devoted to it. It's a gut-stirring tall tale about a boxer (one buff Hilary Swank), her crusty trainer (Eastwood) and the wily old boxing gym proprietor (Morgan Freeman) who narrates the story. Sign on for this movie and you are in a different world, where the rules are simple: Hit first and hit hard, or kiss the canvas. Sometimes you do all the right things and you still end up face-down in your own blood. (DT)

THE PACIFIER (PG, 94 minutes) Vin Diesel



Horst Krause's Schultze turns from polka to zydeco in "Schultze Gets the Blues."

gets domestic as a Navy SEAL who must protect a father-less family from ninja forces bent on finding a special disk in the home. This means — cue canned laughter here — Vin dealing with baby vomit, screaming kids and petulant teenagers. There's nothing endearing about Diesel, whose woodenness would put Pinocchio to shame. Contains slapstick violence and Vin Diesel. (DT)

RAY (PG-13, 135 minutes) There may not be a bigger-hearted performance this year than Jamie Foxx's as Ray Charles. The story gets into Ray's battle with addiction, his life as a married man and father, and a confrontation with

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Regina King as singer Margie Hendricks with Jamie Foxx in "Ray."

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the Jim Crow South. Kerry Washington and Regina King are spirited as Ray's good and bad women; Bokeem Woodbine is a charm as his saxophonist friend David "Fathead" Newman. But Foxx steals his own show. (D) **SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES** (PG, 114 minutes) When taciturn German polka accordionist Schultze (Horst Krause) hears a burst of zydeco music on the radio, everything changes. Thanks to a free ticket to a polka festival in Texas, he flies to America. And it isn't long before he's left the polka festival behind and is floating through the bayous on a shrimp boat. It's a charming film, not just a guy's visit to another culture but something of a spiritual journey. (D)

SIDEWAYS (R, 124) Miles (Paul Giamatti) is an Everynerd who started out with promise and somehow got off track. Giamatti's middle school English teacher's idea of a good time is retiring with a glass of pinot noir. He agrees to go on a road trip with another loser, his college buddy Jack (Thomas Haden Church), a soap star who was once sorta famous. So they drive up and around Santa Barbara county, squabbling and sucking back wine. Eventually they take up with two women: Stephanie (Sandra Oh) and Maya (Virginia Madsen). There's not a false note here, and the supporting cast is uniformly excellent. (TW)

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Television



TUNE IN NEXT WEEK, OR EVEN EARLIER: Tim Kring, center, Kira Arne, left, and Sharon Lee Watson helped create the "Nigelblog" for NBC's "Crossing Jordan."

TV Exploits Web Power

Executives are tuning in to the potential of small-screen synergy

INNOVATION | The Beacon Hill murders have Sherri Washburn baffled. She spends hours each day sifting through crime-scene photographs and police reports, musing over such questions as why the numeral "3" was scrawled in blood on the foreheads of the three victims. More evidence, she figures, might help her crack the case.

Another reason to tune in to NBC for the next episode of "Crossing Jordan."

Network executives are developing elaborate Web productions for many of their shows to create buzz, earn extra advertising dollars and keep ratings up.

Some networks are even letting people watch full episodes of TV programs on the Web. America Online Inc. has made the WB network's "Jack & Bobby" and "Everwood," as well as Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Girl," available online to its subscribers without commercial interruption.

These approaches all have one goal in common: to keep people engaged with television shows that appear on air once a week.

Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. promoted the WB Network's Superman teen drama, "Smallville," on America Online, a sister company in the Time Warner Inc. empire. For May sweeps in the last two seasons, the show's producers wrote and shot weekly "webisodes" for AOL members.

Loyal fans of the "The Simpsons" have learned that if a character mentions a Web site on the show, that address is probably worth a visit, take a recent mention of Dorks-Gone-Wild.com.

"Crossing Jordan" introduced the idea in its Feb. 13 episode.

"Blogs are the future," Nigel says to his colleague, nicknamed Bug.

"Blogs?" Bug replies.

"Oh, I'm sorry," Nigel says. "Haven't you joined the 21st century? Online journals. I've started posting all the evidence on the Beacon Hill murders."

That night more than 2,600 people visited Nigelblog.com.

CHRIS GAITHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

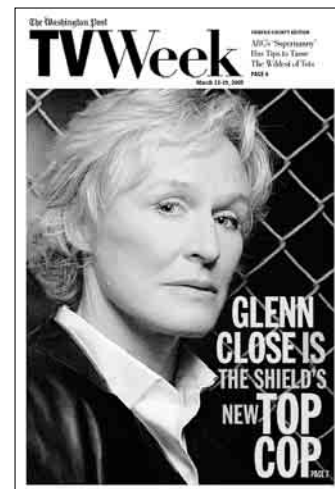
On AOL, 'Greenlight' Means Go

INESCAPABLE | As the Matt Damon-Ben Affleck-created "Project Greenlight" returns for its third season on March 15, the premiere episode of the Hollywood-insider reality show will air on America Online for free simultaneously with its debut on Bravo.

This year's lucky bugs under the microscope are John Gulager, who will direct the script written by Patrick Melton and Marcus Dunstan. The selection, production and editing processes will be meticulously documented by "Project Greenlight" as the horror flick "Feast" (produced by horror-meister Wes Craven) stumbles toward big-screen infamy.

(EXPRESS)

Sunday in The Washington Post



Close to Greatness:

Movie star Glenn Close jumps to the small screen — in a big part. She and co-star Michael Chiklis discuss Close's role as police captain on FX's "The Shield." | *TV Week*

Be the Girl With the Pearl:

Isabel Gonzalez takes the priss out of pearls with advice on how to work the glowing orbs for a sophisticated, modern allure. | *Sunday Source*



Television

SOON HE'LL JUST BE 'B': First he dropped the prefix "Lil"; now the WB Network is dropping the "Wow." The basic-cable net has given a thumbs-up to a pilot for "Bow," a half-hour comedy starring the underage rapper/actor formerly known as Lil' Bow Wow.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

GO WEST
While not without some earnest sermonizing, the Disney Channel kids' movie **BUFFALO DREAMS** (8 p.m., Disney) combines a nice little story with gorgeous scenery of the American West.

SOUP OPERA
TAKE IT OFF (Fri., 10 p.m., Food Network) Chef and host Juan-Carlos Cruz offers recipes and ideas for food fanatics who want to cut calories without denying themselves a fine-dining experience. And Juan-Carlos ought to know — he lost more than 100 pounds. But to get to his recipes, you have to wade through the personal stories of twins (named, oddly enough, Monika and Veronika) as they embark on a personal "journey" to thinness.



GET A MAKEOVER: Poor Mansquito is sick to death of Mr. Harris' ugly ties.

NEXT WEEK ON SCI-FI:
MANT — PICNIC NIGHTMARE
The Sci-Fi network has carved out an impressive audience with their often-campy exploitation action films, like

DRAGON STORM (Sat., 7 p.m.). On Saturday, Corin Nemec stars in the gory horror offering **MANSQUITO** (9 p.m.).

COMEDY FOR NICE PEOPLE
The gags come fast and furious on **KELSEY GRAMMER PRESENTS: THE SKETCH SHOW** (Sun., 9:30 p.m., Fox). The show's very first gag involves two men decked out in medieval armor checking into a motel. "We'd like a room for two knights," they say. "Sketch" is much like a show from another era. It's a bit like a variety show without the variety.

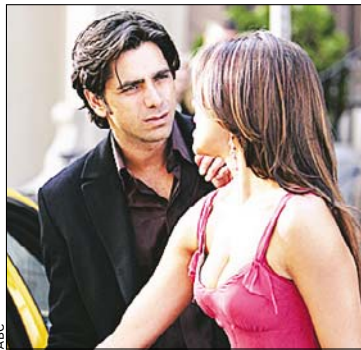
SATURDAY NIGHT ACTION
Tom Cruise stars in Steven Spielberg's 2002 thriller **MINORITY REPORT** (8 p.m., ABC), set 50 years in the future. Over on TNT, a betrayed Roman general (Russell Crowe) takes on the Empire in Ridley Scott's 2000 epic **GLADIATOR** (8 p.m.). Then a 21st-century gumshoe (Harrison Ford) hunts down a rogue cyborg in the

1982 fantasy **BLADE RUNNER** (8 p.m., FX), also directed by Ridley Scott.

TRAIN IN PAIN
THE STATION AGENT (Sat., 7:30 p.m., Encore/Love) An antisocial dwarf (Peter Dinklage), a self-destructive abandoned wife (Patricia Clarkson) and a gregarious vendor (Bobby Cannavale) form a close friendship in rural New Jersey in director Tom McCarthy's touching and utterly original 2003 drama.

RAKE REFORMED
John Stamos returns to episodic comedy with the promising and frequently charming **JAKE IN PROGRESS** (Sun., 9 & 9:30 p.m., ABC). For high-powered New York publicist Jake Phillips (Stamos), every night is filled with gala openings, glamorous parties, velvetropes and meaningless flings. The "Progress" in the title refers to Jake's efforts to settle down and look

for the right girl instead of the most available beauty. The comedy arises from the tension between his good intentions and a life filled with temptations. "Jake" has the makings of a nearly extinct commodity—a sitcom that's actually appointment TV. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



ONE LAST GO-ROUND: Jake doesn't seem entirely sick of hot chicks yet.

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC (4) News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC (N) (4)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)		Law & Order: Trial by Jury "Vigilante"		News	Tonight Show
	WTTG (5) The Simpsons (1)	The Simpsons (1)	Friends (1) (4)	Seinfeld (1) (4)	Bernie Mac	Bernie Mac	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	News		Friends	Seinfeld (1) (4)
	WJLA (7) News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	8 Simple Rules (1)	8 Simple Rules (1)	Hope & Faith (1)	Less Than Perfect	20/20		News	(35) Nightline
	WUSA (9) News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Heart Break" (1) (4)		JAG "JAG: San Diego" (N) (1)		NUMB3RS "Counterfeit Reality" (N)		News	Late Show
	WDCA (20) That '70s Show	That '70s Show	College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal -- FSU or N.C. St. vs. Wake Forest				College Basketball ACC Tournament Quarterfinal -- Duke vs. Miami or Virginia. (Live)					Every-Raymond
	WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	Wall-Fortune		Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice. (1) (4)				The Legacy of Jim Croce (1) (4)	
WETA	(26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	NOW (N) (4)		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	Tucker Carlson	My Music Number 201: Funky Soul Superstars The 1970s and '80s. (N) (1)		Charlie Rose (N) (1) (4)	
	WHUT (32) White House	Tony Brown	BBC World News	MoneyWise	"This Is a Game Ladies" (2003, Documentary)				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Will & Grace (1)	Blind Date
	WBDC (50) The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	What I Like	What I Like	Reba (1) (4)	Blue Collar TV (1)	Will & Grace (1)	Just Shoot Me (1)	Will & Grace (1)	Blind Date
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential	American Justice "Crib Death" (4)	Biography "Scott Hamilton" (4)	Stars on Ice 2005 (N) (4)						American Justice (1) (4)	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	The Most Extreme Bees; octopus.	Ultimate Zoo (N)	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries				Animal Cops San Francisco		Ultimate Zoo	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Studio II Stage	"Playas Ball" (2003, Drama) Allen Payne, Elise Neal. Premiere.				Club Comic View		BET Nightly News	Maad Sports
	Bravo	Inside the Actors Studio	Queer Eye for the Straight Girl	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments	The 100 Scariest Movie Moments				The 100 Scariest Movie Moments		The 100 Scariest Movie Moments	
	Comedy	Crank Yankers	The Hollow Men	Daily Show	Crank Yankers	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Patton Oswalt: No Reason	Com.-Presents	Denis Leary: Lock and Load	Com.-Presents	
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops (1) (4)	Cops (1) (4)	The Investigators "Decoy Squad"	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Masterminds	I, Detective	Anatomy of Crime "Forbidden Cargo"	
	Discovery	Monster Garage "Freezer Burn"	American Chopper "Police Bike 2"	American Chopper "POW/MIA 2"	American Hot Rod				American Hot Rod		American Chopper "POW/MIA 2"	
	DISCH	Paramedics "Two Cities"	Trauma: Life in the ER "Miraculous"	Trauma: Life in the ER "Speed Fever"	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)				Critical Hour "Momentary Lapses"		Trauma: Life in the ER "Speed Fever"	
	Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	"Buffalo Dreams" (2005) Reiley McClendon, Simon R. Baker. Premiere.			"Buffalo Dreams" (2005, Drama) Reiley McClendon, Simon R. Baker.			
	E!	The Ultimate Hollywood Blonde	E! News (N)	Jackson Trial	Dr. 90210	Jackson Trial	Gastineau Girls	The Soup (N)	Life Is Great	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	
	FX	Fear Factor "Semifinals" (4)	Fear Factor "Semifinals" (1) (Part 2 of 3) (4)			Fear Factor "Season Finale" (4)			Fear Factor "Miss USA Contestants"		*** "Blade Runner" (1982)	
	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Decorating Cents	Sensible Chic (N)	Designed to Sell	Design Remix	Divine Design	Crafters Coast	Debbie Travis' Facelift (1)
	Family	7th Heaven "Drunk Like Me" (4)	Smallville "Red" (1) (4)			*** "Love & Basketball" (2000, Drama)	Sanaa Lathan, Omar Epps, Dennis Haysbert.		Whose Line?		The 700 Club	
	History	Dead Men's Secrets	Modern Marvels "Bunkers" (4)			The Last Days of WWII (N) (4)	Mail Call (N)	Mail Call	Heavy Metal "Mosquito Attack" (4)		Battlefield Detectives	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Sweet Dreams" (1996, Drama) Tiffani-Amber Thiessen, Amy Yasbeck.		"She Fought Alone" (1995) Tiffani-Amber Thiessen, Brian Austin Green.			Merge (N) (4)			
	MTV	50 Cent House Party (1)	Direct Effect (1)	Making Band	Making Band	The Real World	The Real World	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Nick & Jessica	Nick & Jessica	
	NICK	U-Pick (1)	Rugrats (1) (4)	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince
	SCI-FI	Stargate SG-1 "Cold Lazarus" (4)	Andromeda "What Will Be Was Not"	Stargate SG-1 The team deals with years of issues. (N) (1)	Stargate Atlantis "The Gift" (N) (4)				Battlestar Galactica "Hand of God"		Stargate SG-1 (1)	
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	TBS	Seinfeld (1) (4)	Seinfeld (1) (4)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends (1) (4)	Friends (1) (4)	*** "While You Were Sleeping" (1995) Sandra Bullock, Bill Pullman.		(:10) *** "Forces of Nature" (1999)		
	TLC	Clean Sweep	In a Fix "Access This" (4)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear "Maria" (N) (4)				Faking It		What Not to Wear	
	TNT	Charmed "Chris Crossed" (1) (4)	Law & Order "Missing" (1)	*** "Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe. Premiere. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome.					*** "The Mask of Zorro" (1998)			
	USA	JAG "Shifting Sands" (4) (DVS)	JAG "Secret Agent Man" (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)				Monk		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	
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MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) *** "Force 10 From Navarone" (1978, Adventure) Harrison Ford. 'PG'		*** "Volcano" (1997, Adventure) Tommy Lee Jones. 'PG-13' (4)		(:15) *** "Scream 2" (1997, Horror) David Arquette, Neve Campbell. 'R'						
	TCM	*** "Government Girl" (1943, Comedy) Olivia de Havilland. 'NR'		*** "That Uncertain Feeling" (1941) Merle Oberon. 'NR'		*** "Love Affair" (1939) Irene Dunne. 'NR'			*** "Father of the Bride" (1950)			
	HBO	(4:45) In America *** "Down With Love" (2003) Renée Zellweger. 'PG-13'		Robot-1st Look *** "The Big Bounce" (2004) Owen Wilson. 'PG-13' (4)		Deadwood (1) (Part 1 of 2) (4)			Real Time (S Live) (4)			
	MAX	*** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. Freedom fighters revolt against machines.		*** "Never Die Alone" (2004) DMX. 'R' (4)		*** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' (4)			(:45) Spiderbabe			
	SHOW	(4:45) Heartaches *** "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (1988) Steve Martin. iTV. 'PG' (4)		(:25) *** "Uptown Girls" (2003) Brittany Murphy. 'PG-13'		Fat Actress (iTV) Penn & Teller Penn & Teller			The Job (2003) 'R'			
	TMC	(:15) *** "30 Years to Life" (2001, Comedy) Erika Alexander. 'R' (4)		*** "Fled" (1996) Laurence Fishburne. 'R' (4)		(:45) *** "Bad Company" (1994, Drama) Ellen Barkin. 'R' (4)			(:35) Wild Orchid			
STARZ!	(5:30) *** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen. 'G'		(:20) *** "Ella Enchanted" (2004) Anne Hathaway. 'PG'		*** "Scary Movie 3" (2003) Anna Faris. 'PG-13' (4)		*** "He Got Game" (1998) Denzel Washington. 'R'					
	ENCORE	Now and Then (1)	*** "Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd" (2003)	*** "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy. (4)		(:35) *** "Gigli" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck. 'R' (4)			Nowhere to Run			

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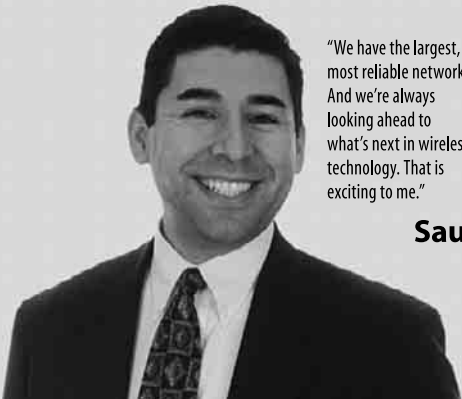
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Cuisine

Finding chicken and pork a little boring? Try serving rabbit

Rabbit farms are multiplying rapidly across the South, and their products aren't necessarily meant to be sold as Easter bunnies — unless you're talking about what's on the Easter Sunday menu. As people discover lean, white, rabbit meat, it could become a common meal option.

"It tastes like chicken," said 11-year-old Brady Cox. "And you can fix it any way chicken can be fixed," said his grandfather, Wayne Powell.

Powell helps run the Marbury, Ala., family rabbit farm, which started in September with only a few rabbits. Now they have 500. "They multiply pretty quick," said 13-year-old Houston Powell.

The Tri-State Rabbit Producers Association began in 2003 with two members, and now has 248 in Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi, president J.C. Holt said. Members



HARE CUT: Houston Powell shows off a specimen in its pre-edible state.

send rabbits to a processor that sends the meat to cruise lines, restaurants and grocery stores.

Even as more farms crop up, many Southerners — especially young ones — haven't tried rabbit. Though some older Southerners grew up eating wild rabbits, now the animals are viewed as pets, not food.

Attitudes are being changed by Southern chefs who trained in Europe, where rabbit appears regularly on menus, and by tourists and

CUDDLY, CUTE, LOW-FAT: The Powell family's rabbit farm in Marbury, Ala., now holds 500 of the tasty furballs.



JAY SAILORS/AP

Little Bunny Food Food

"You've got to win over the young generation and show them how healthy rabbit is."

RON SPARKS
ALABAMA AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER

received two Easter bunnies in 1985. Now her 10-acre farm holds about 5,000 rabbits at any one time; her processing plant turns out up to 3,000 a month.

The next step is to promote rabbit as healthy. Studies show it has less fat and cholesterol than beef, pork or chicken. "You've got to win over the young generation and show them how healthy it is," Alabama Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks said. PHILLIP RAWLS (AP)

immigrants from countries where rabbits are commercially grown for food.

Getting started takes a small investment — a shed, wire cages and feed. Cages are elevated so

droppings can fall through and farmers can get a second product — rabbit manure.

Beth Seely, one of the largest rabbit producers in the South, said she got interested when her children

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Marc Fisher

Local Roundup

Post columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and discussed the Nationals, downtown development and mercury in schools. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What is the status of the Nationals' TV situation? Will we have a deal in place by opening day?

It's getting tight and it doesn't look all that promising. You'd think that by now the commish would have put it straight to the Orioles' Peter Angelos — come to a deal or we'll go ahead and make our Nats TV arrangements without regard to the O's. I have to think that Angelos' plan is to prevent the Nationals from having local TV coverage, and MLB cannot allow that to happen.

Your baseball column reminded me of development around the Convention Center. Here we are a couple of years after it opened and there's not much going on right next to it. Other than one new coffee shop and an old liquor store that now stocks wine and beer more to new residents' tastes, there hasn't exactly been a wave of development.

I don't buy the analogy. I never heard anyone argue that the Convention Center would spark a new wave of development. In fact, it was virtually impossible from the start that that would happen

because they put the thing smack next to low-income housing projects that aren't going away. There is some development slowly happening along New York Avenue there, but even that has been held back by the city's failure to pick a site and developer for the Convention Center hotel.

What's up with the mercury "problem" in the D.C. schools? Clean it up and send the kids back to class.

I'm hoping to get myself a nice package of mercury to take home and use with the kids. Our science teachers used to let us play with mercury, and no one from my high school class is dead yet. But adults love to play hysteria when it comes to schools, and so we have this ludicrous overreaction, which in turn compels more kids to try their hand at dropping some merc on the stairs and singlehandedly shutting down their schools.

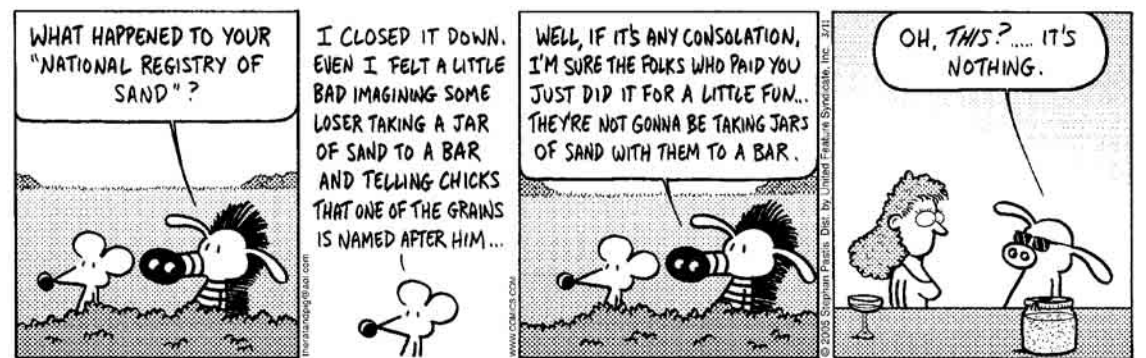
→ Today on Live Online

12:30 P.M.: Post film critic Desson Thomson discusses the art of cinema and new Hollywood and indie movie releases.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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Letters

Some Need Seats on Metro

WHILE I AGREE with the assessment from Thursday's letter-writer of the reasons people clog Metro train doorways and her mention of New York City's use of wall-hug-

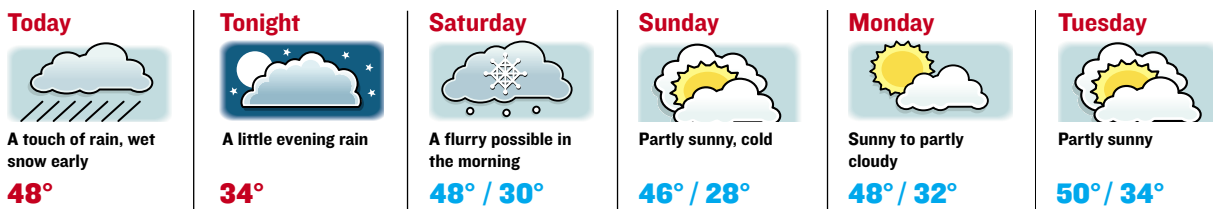
ging bench seats on high-volume lines, I was disturbed by her indiscriminate use of the word "lazy" to describe people who choose to sit down on the train. I'm healthy and stand on a regular basis, but on any given day fellow riders may be recovering from illness or injury, or living with chronic physical disabilities, making it healthier for them to

take a seat. I don't doubt that there are "lazies" among us, but I won't presume to judge.

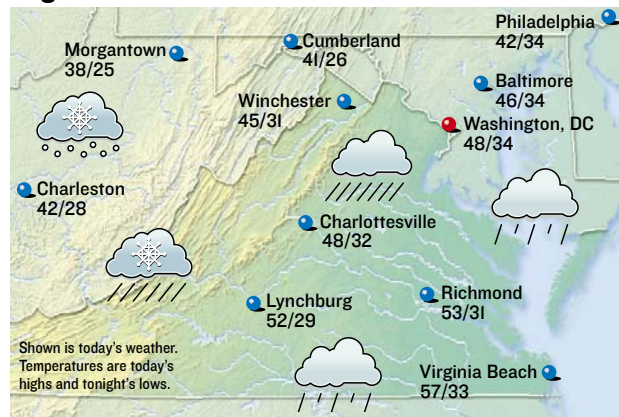
—M.C. TAPERA
Gaithersburg, Md.

✦ **New week, new topic:** Aside from the Metro seat debate, do you have an opinion about the day's news or stories in the newspaper? Let us know at inbox@readexpress.com

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Temperature

High	41°
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Average humidity	46%

Precipitation

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Year to date	5.60"
Last year to date	4.89"
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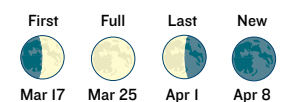
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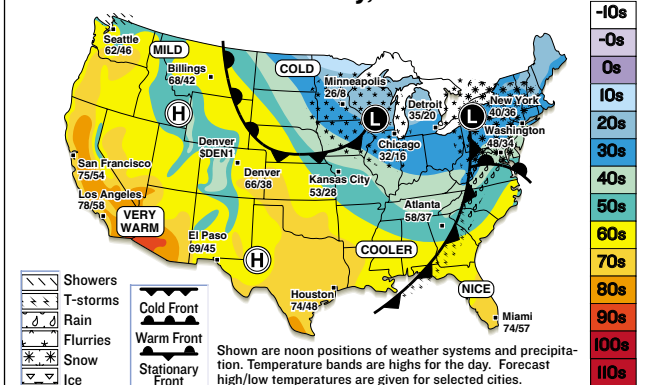
D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, a little rain, wet snow early. High 48. Wind becoming west 7-14 mph. Tonight, cloudy, some rain early. Low 34.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:14 a.m.
Moonset today	7:55 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, March 11



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	58/37/pc	60/47/pc
Boston	38/32/sn	38/26/sn
Chicago	32/16/sn	28/16/sf
Dallas	72/51/s	82/59/s
Denver	66/38/pc	66/30/pc
Honolulu	79/66/pc	80/66/sh
Los Angeles	78/58/pc	74/56/pc
Miami	74/57/s	75/54/s
New York City	40/36/sn	42/28/sn
Orlando	72/50/pc	72/50/s
Seattle	62/46/pc	60/40/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	46/38/r	44/39/r
Athens	46/32/s	55/38/s
Berlin	36/23/sn	35/22/sn
Buenos Aires	84/66/s	77/61/t
Calgary	65/29/c	39/22/pc
Dublin	48/34/sh	45/31/pc
Geneva	42/30/pc	40/31/c
Moscow	15/-2/sn	14/10/sn
Rome	49/36/pc	54/44/s
Sydney	80/62/s	82/65/s
Tokyo	55/43/r	54/31/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK* out

People

PROJECTS

The Negative Spin: He's Out of Fiction Ideas

JOHN GRISHAM is writing a work of nonfiction, his first, about a death-row inmate who nearly died for a murder he didn't commit. According to Doubleday, Grisham thought of the book after reading the obituary of Ronald Keith Williamson, a promising athlete drafted in the early 1970s by the Oakland Athletics. In 1986, he was arrested and convicted for the rape and murder of a 21-year-old Oklahoma woman. He was within days of his scheduled execution, in 1999, when DNA testing proved he was innocent. The book is slated for 2006. (AP)



John G. would like you to know that he is very, very serious about himself.



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

INNOCENCE

Look! I'm Demure

LIL' KIM testified at her federal perjury trial on Thursday, telling jurors she was bullied by prosecutors when she allegedly lied to a grand jury about a 2001 shootout. "I couldn't believe I was being badgered the way I was," she said. The 4-foot-11 rapper frequently turned toward the jurors, flashed broad smiles and dropped names of famous artists. (AP)

COURTS

Madonna Cast In Thrilling Lawsuit

A former female employee of **MADONNA's** film company is suing the pop star and other executives of Maverick Films on claims she was

sexually harassed and wrongfully terminated. Yael Oestreich said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court that she was never



given a promised salary increase by Chief Executive Officer Mark Morgan and that he fired her in July without cause. Oestreich also said she was the target of "inappropriate sexual inquiries" after being told she was "uptight." (AP)

SELF-ESTEEM

Reality Contestants Make 'Real' Celebrities Feel Taller

Lil' Kim, Eve, Fat Joe, Barenaked Ladies, **MOBY**, **GENE SIMMONS**, Lil' John, Simple Plan, New Found Glory and Jadakiss were solicited by the candidates on "The



Apprentice" to donate and auction off a personal experience live on Fuse. "It was funny to watch them come in with very limited viewpoints about being a VJ and try to pull it off," said Fuse video jockey Steven Smith. He said the suit-clad Apprentices were out of their element mingling with rock stars. The auction, benefit-



Gene reportedly licked his finger and stuck it in the ear of a contestant.

ing the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, was broadcast as part of Fuse's "Daily Download" program. (AP)

DEPRESSION

Even TV Therapists Need A Little Help Sometimes

For five seasons as psychiatrist Dr. Jennifer Melfi on HBO's "The Sopranos," **LORRAINE BRACCO** battled mob boss Tony Soprano's mental demons. But for a year and a half in real life, Bracco was fighting clinical depression with medi-

cation and therapy. The mother of two approached drug manufacturer Pfizer in hopes of getting the word out, which she'll do with a series of commercials and a Web site, www.depressionhelp.com, that goes live on Tuesday. (AP)



LOST FILMS

Morrison's Life Before Fame Instructive, Goofy, B&W

Thirty-four years after his death, the state of Florida has found and restored what it believes to be the earliest film of **JIM MORRISON**, shot in the early 1960s when he was a student at Florida State University. In the FSU promotional film, Morrison plays a clean-cut prospective student who is denied enrollment at the school. (AP)



Jim tried to summon the motivation of a rejected FSU student. Acting was hard!



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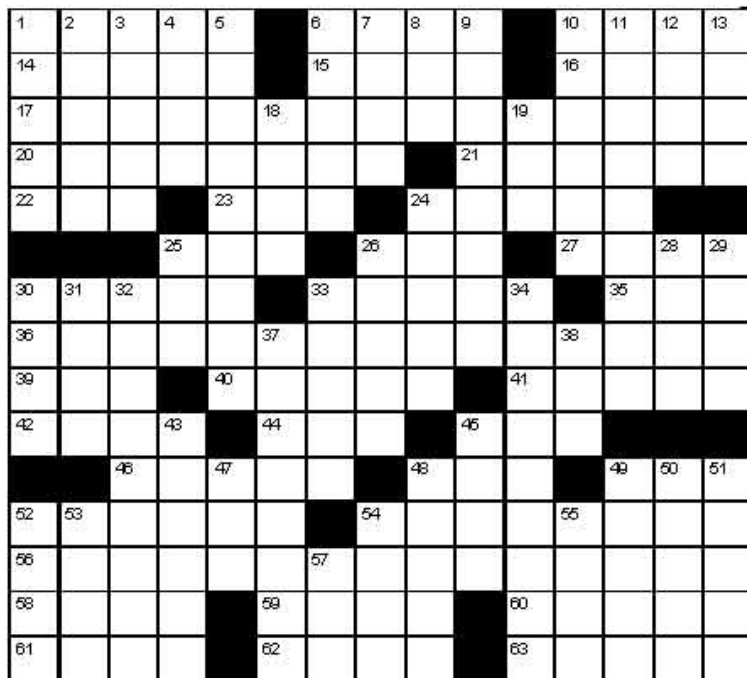
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DOWN

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49 Brief B&O stop
52 He no longer has Shields
54 Adds salt?
56 Muscovite preparing for work?
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60 Aunt in "Oklahoma!"
61 Any one of multiple English rivers
62 Common enc.
63 Frequent flier's annoyance
1 State flower of New Mexico
2 Feel more than disdain
3 They're all for change
4 German philosopher
5 Water conveyance
6 Idyllic places
7 Trajectories
8 Word heard at a pep rally
9 Prisoner's holding cell
10 Making inquiries
11 Some grocery store losses
12 Kind of loser
13 First word in North Carolina's motto
18 In ____ (undisturbed)
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(call of distress)

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e.g.

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49 Nevertheless
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51 Like Sidney Lumet's twelve men
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Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Are you ready to bear a new burden that is being handed to you? Trust your knowledge, experience and intuition to see you through.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll gravitate toward those who have the same interests and aspirations until you realize that the atmosphere is just a bit too competitive to suit you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not like what you see, but either be willing to

do something about it or to put up with it indefinitely. The choice is yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find yourself counting the minutes before something vitally important happens to you and those around you. Be patient.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The excitement is sure to mount as you work with single-minded intensity toward an important goal. Many people are on your side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When called upon to speak for yourself or for the group, be sure you are honest at all times. Never stretch the bounds of credibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to find something you've been looking for over a long period of time. It's time, then, to make one or two important decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may find

that you've been put in a position of authority you never expected to enjoy. Use caution, diplomacy and tact.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's not enough to know what you're doing. You should know how to do it with style. Image counts for more than you might think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be putting the needs of others ahead of your own — maybe for the wrong reasons. Re-examine your motives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What you see and what you get may not be the same — especially since you may be dealing with those out to fool you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Now is no time for you to waver when making a decision. Too many people are counting on you for strength and inspiration.

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